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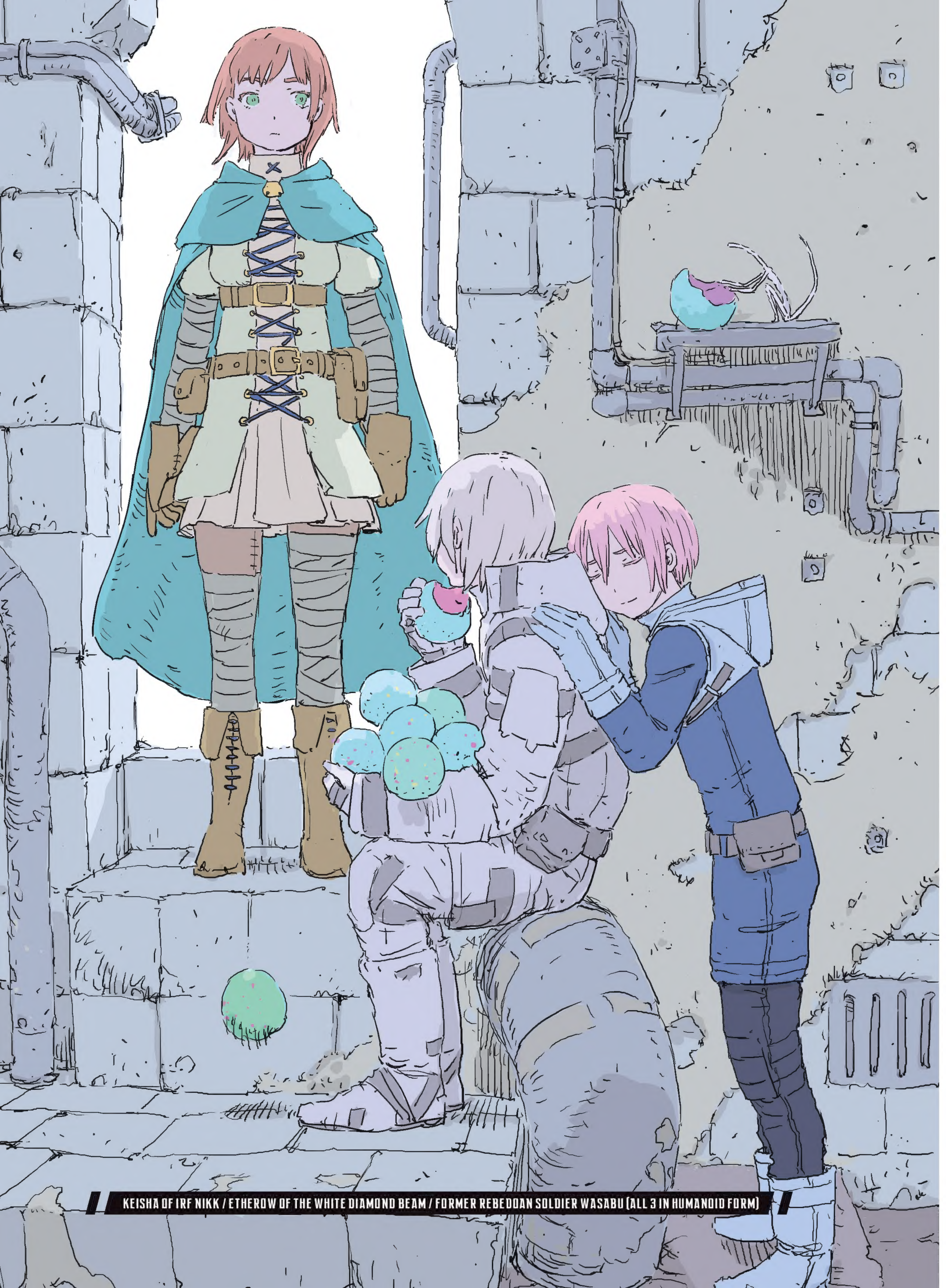
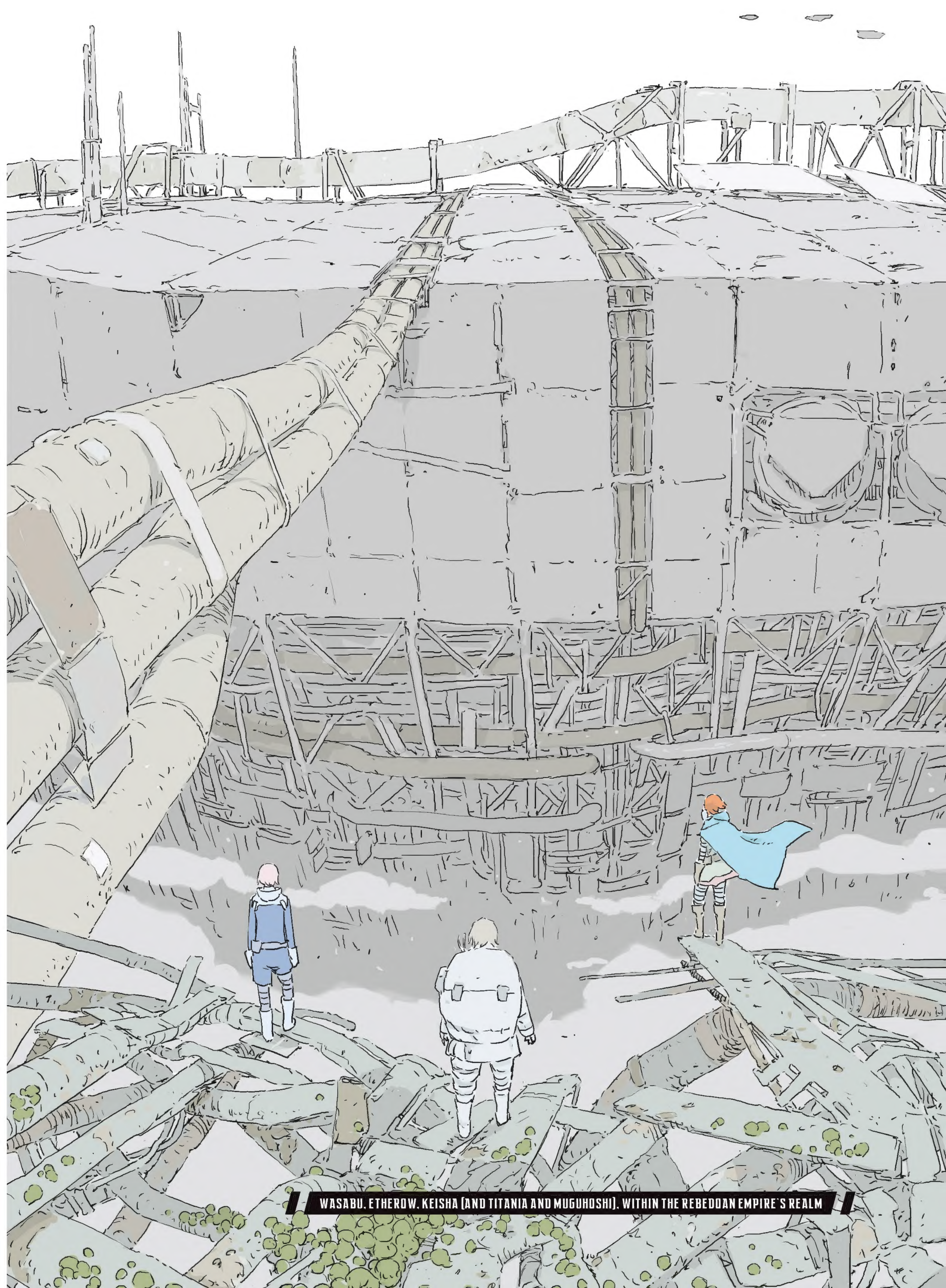


KEISHA OF IRF NIKK / ETHEROW OF THE WHITE DIAMOND BEAM / FORMER REBEDOAN SOLDIER WASABU (ALL 3 IN HUMANOID FORM)

JATE, RINAI, AND TOSU: HIGH-LEVEL REINCARNATEDS OF REBEDOA (FRAME FORM)

REBEDOAN REINCARNATEDS OF THE HOLY RELICS SEARCH BRIGADE (FROM LEFT: AJATE, RINAI, JATE, TOSU)



WASABU, ETHEROW, KEISHA (AND TITANIA AND MUGUHOSHI), WITHIN THE REBEDOAN EMPIRE'S REALM

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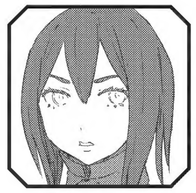
PLOT AND CHARACTER INTRO

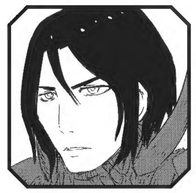
REBEDOAN EMPIRE

A militant state with powerful, heavily-armed forces that continues to invade various regions. Has many Regular Frames in its ranks.

NICHIKO SUOU
The Emperor of Rebedoa. Has the ability to predict the future.



JATE
A high-level Reincarnated of the Rebedoan Empire. Has the ability to manipulate automatons.



TOSU
A high-level Reincarnated of the Rebedoan Empire. Has the ability to manipulate metal.

TASHITSUMA
Member of the Imperial Science Division. Successfully created a Regular Frame clone of Jate named Ajate.

RINAI
Reincarnated.
An old friend of Jate.

TRUE CORE CHURCH

Organization created by Kajiwan to gather those afflicted with Frame disease. Bestows certain sufferers with knowledge and power, turning them into "Regenerateds." Views both the Empire and humans as enemies.

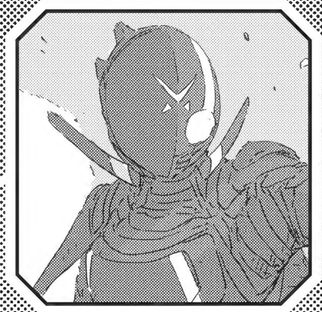
KAJIWAN
The last King of Irf Nikk. Using the powers of the mysterious Frame created from Titania's stolen arm, he became a Regular Frame himself. Has the ability to produce fireballs.

JINATA, TASURI, FIISA
Regular Frames of the Church. Their abilities only allow them to fight against other Regular Frames.

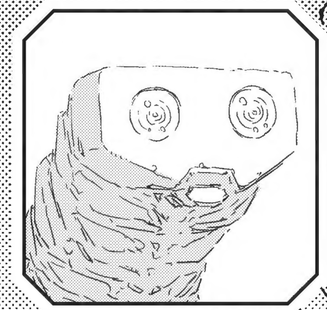
Previously

After much devoted care by Keisha, Etherow has recovered, only to be surrounded by the Empire's forces. After destroying several High-Level Reincarnateds, Etherow and his party were able to drive the Imperial forces into a corner. However, just as victory was within their grasp, a mistake allows Nichiko Suou to escape. Meanwhile, Kajiwan of the True Core Church has suffered total defeat, and heads underground with a small party of followers...

ETHEROW AND HIS PARTY



ETHEROW
Became a Regular Frame with Titania's help. Master marksman. Badly injured when Ume fell.



TITANIA
An Automaton with two forms. She is able to read the thoughts of humans and Frames via touch.

KEISHA
A Regular Frame who can manipulate electricity and uses an expandable staff. Sister of Kajiwan, leader of the True Core Church.

WASABU
A Regular Frame who joined Etherow's party after the Empire's brainwashing wore off. Has the ability to fly.

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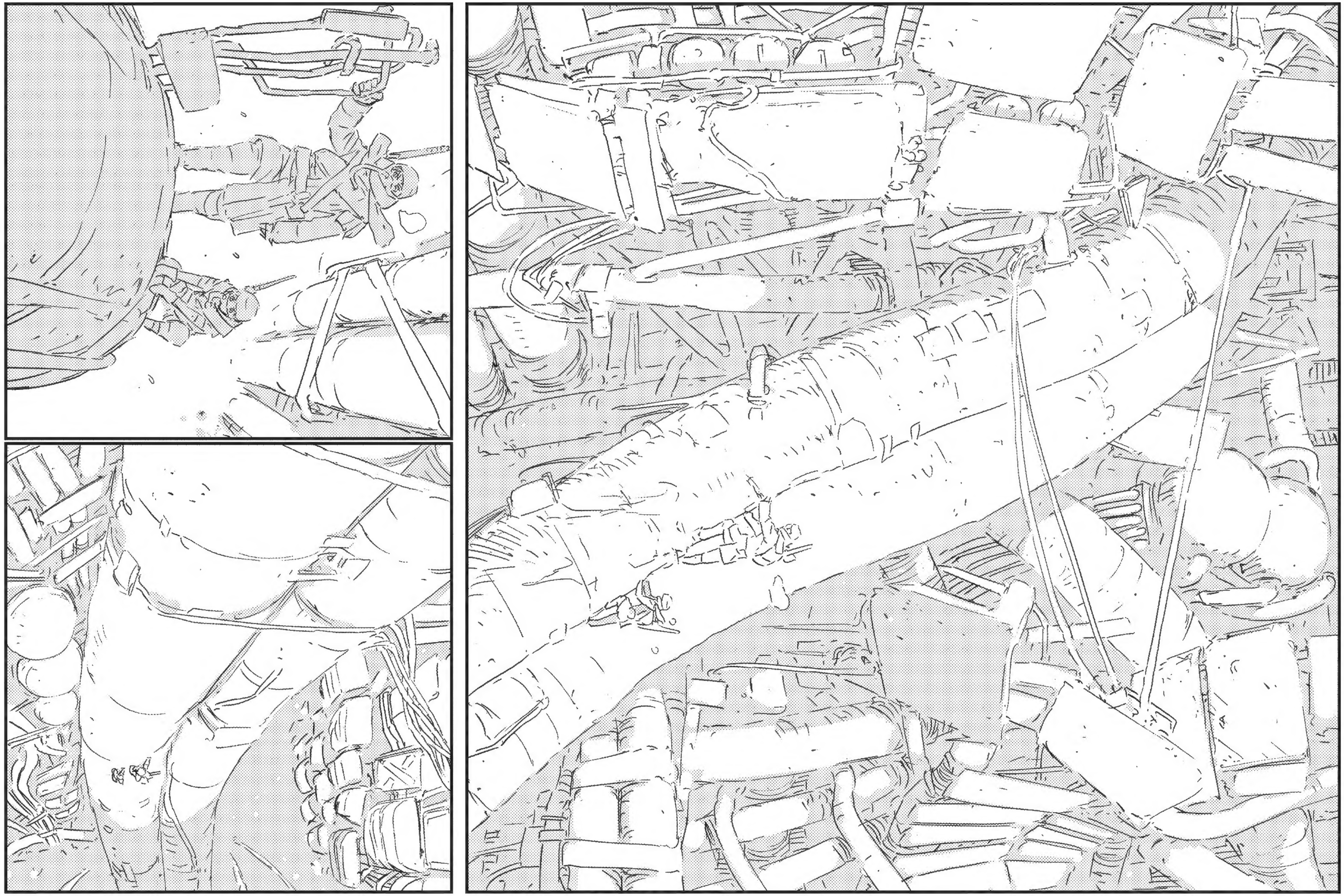


I KNEW IT. SHIT. THE VALVE'S CLOSED OFF!

IF THIS HOT WATER PIPE STAYS STOPPED, WE'LL ALL END UP FREEZING TO DEATH.

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.

THIS IS BAD. SOKU-TOHOKA, LET'S GO!

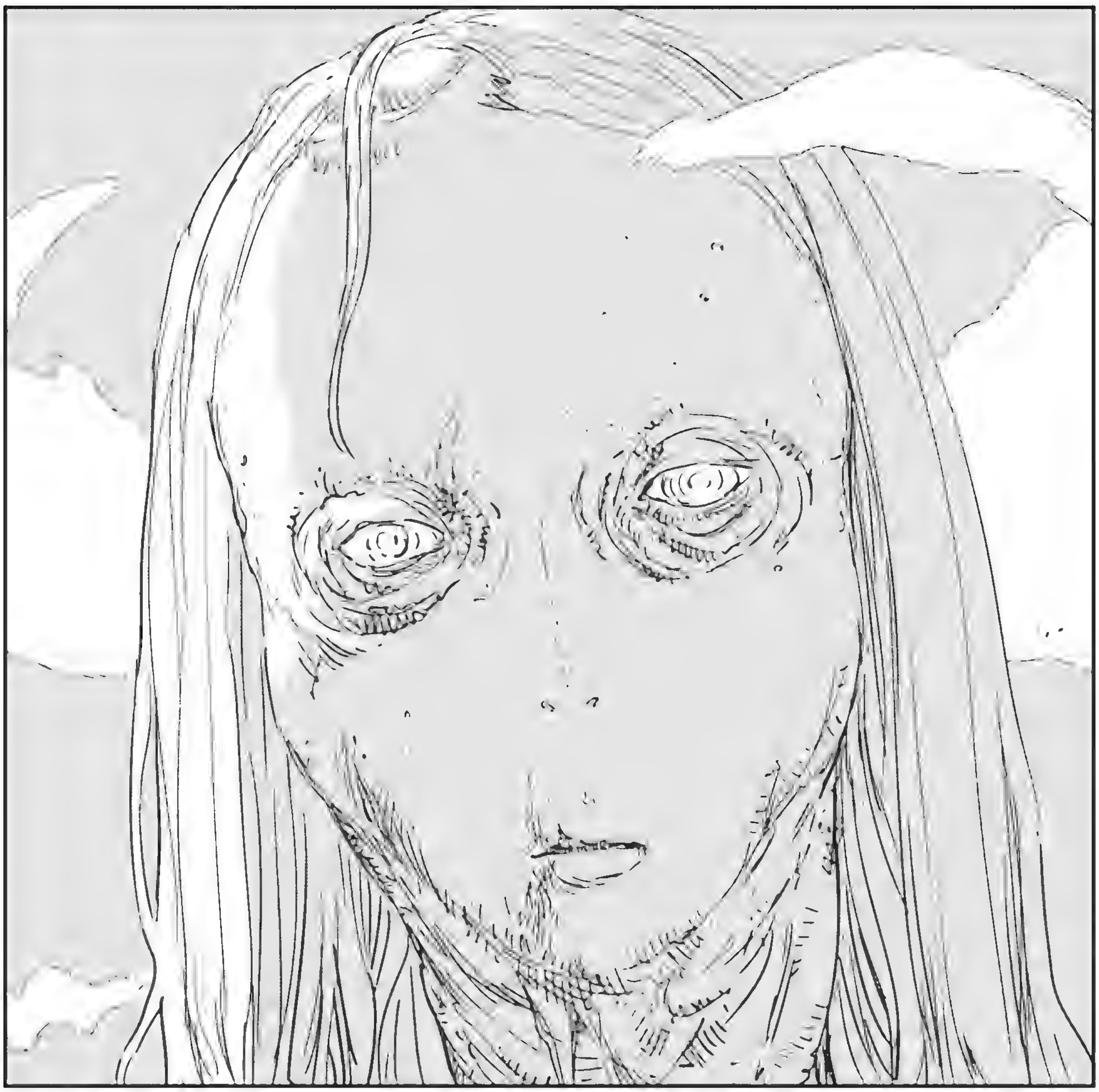
HMPH!

THE LOCKING WIRE'S BEEN WRENCHED OFF...

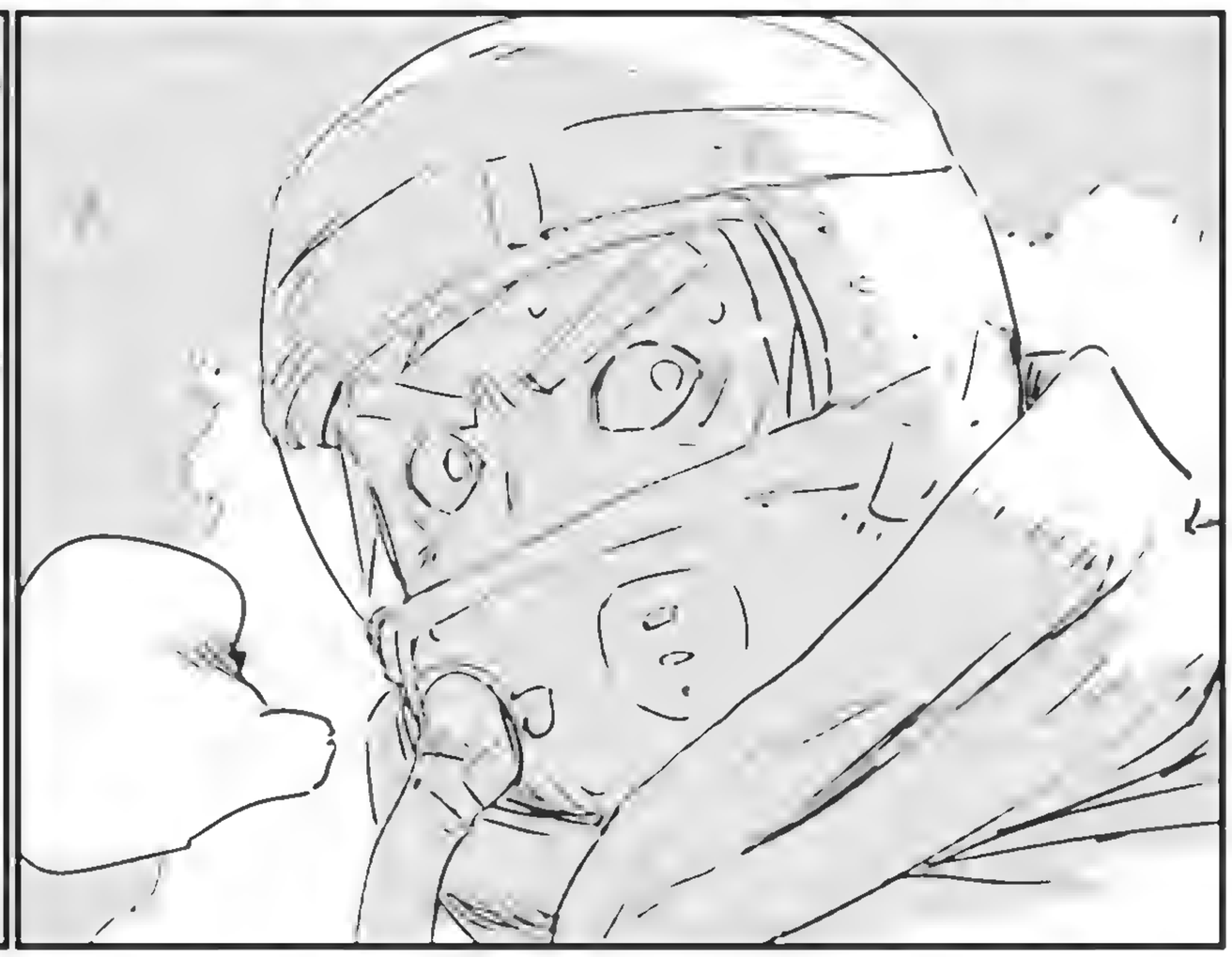
NUYUE-BOHOKA! HURRY UP AND HELP ME!

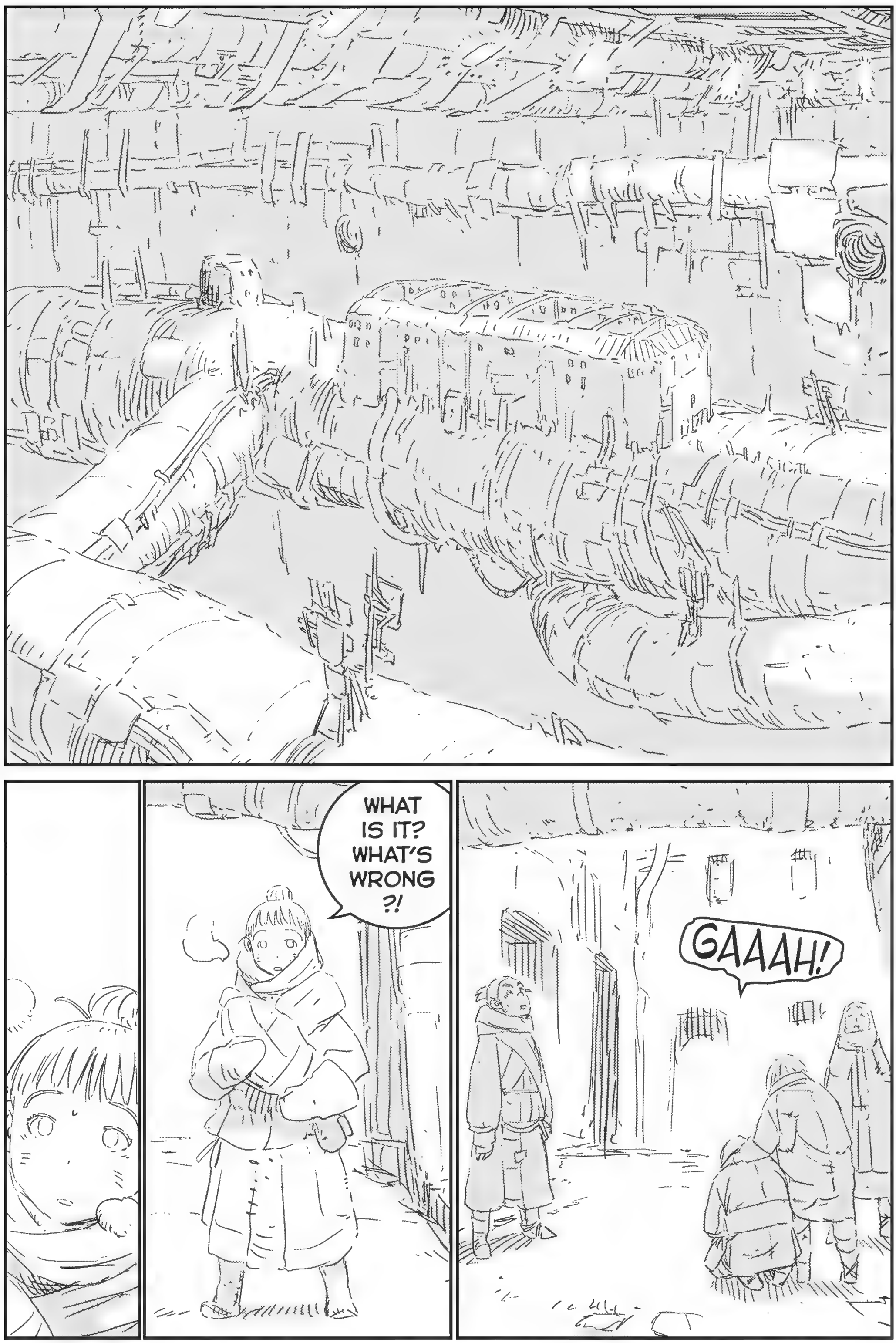
RRGG

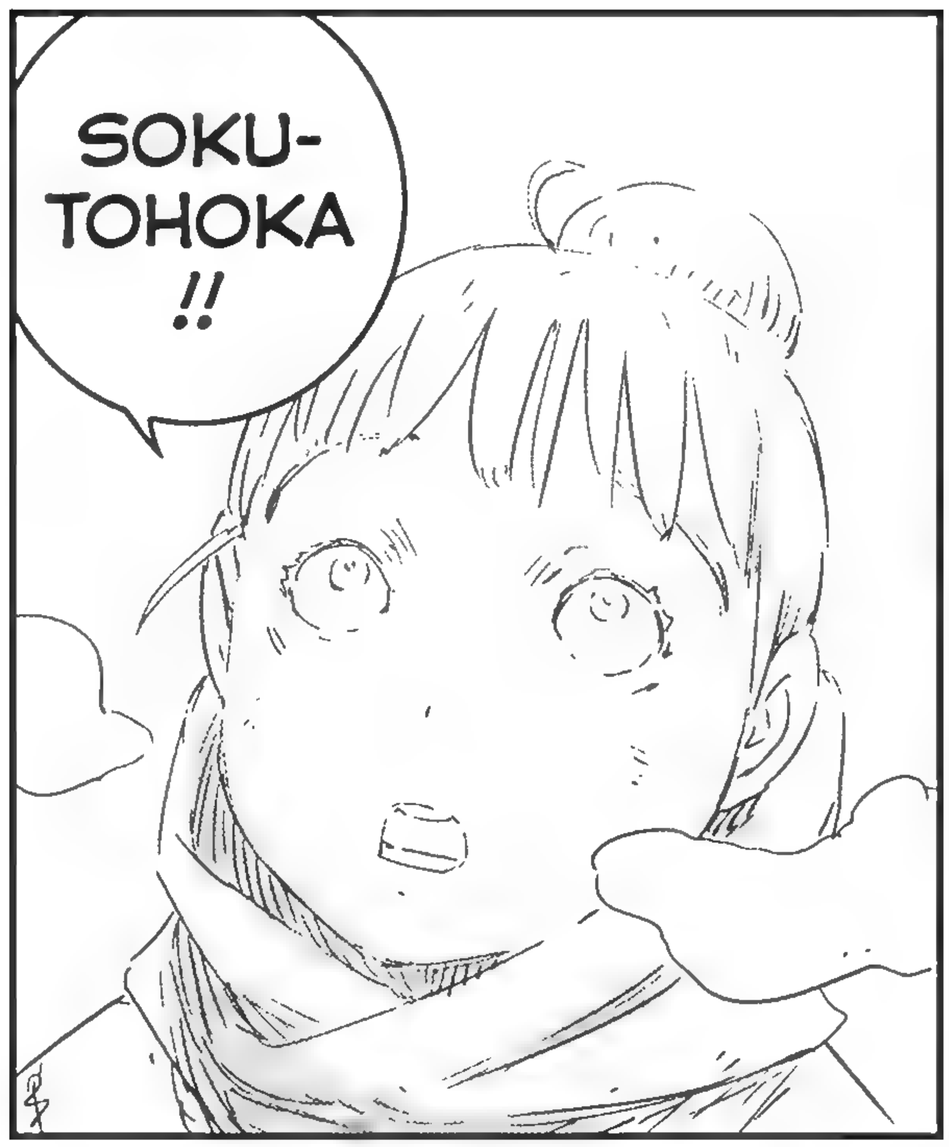
IT'S TIGHT!



KRAK




WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG ?!
GAAAH!


SOKU-
TOHOKA
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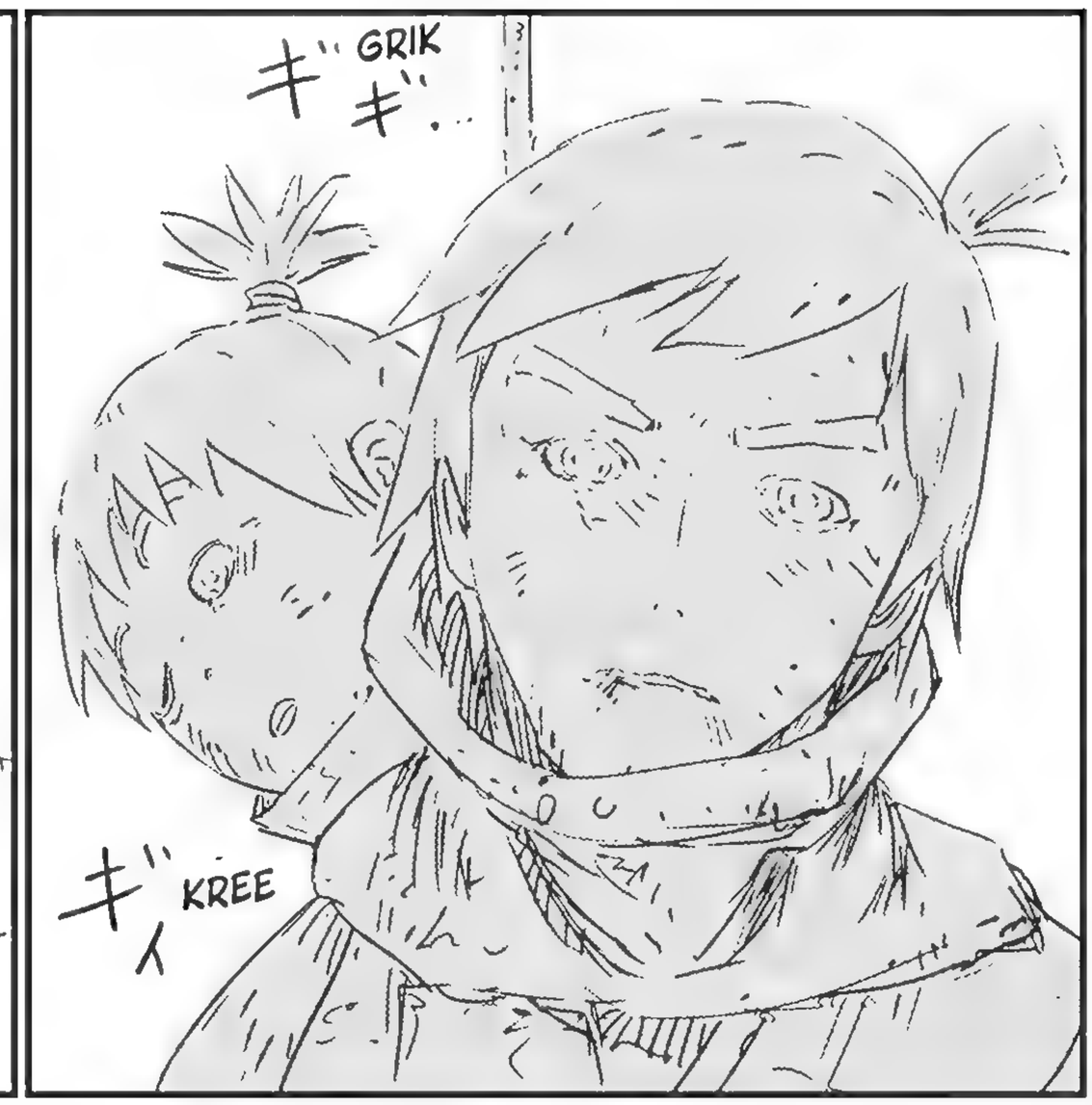
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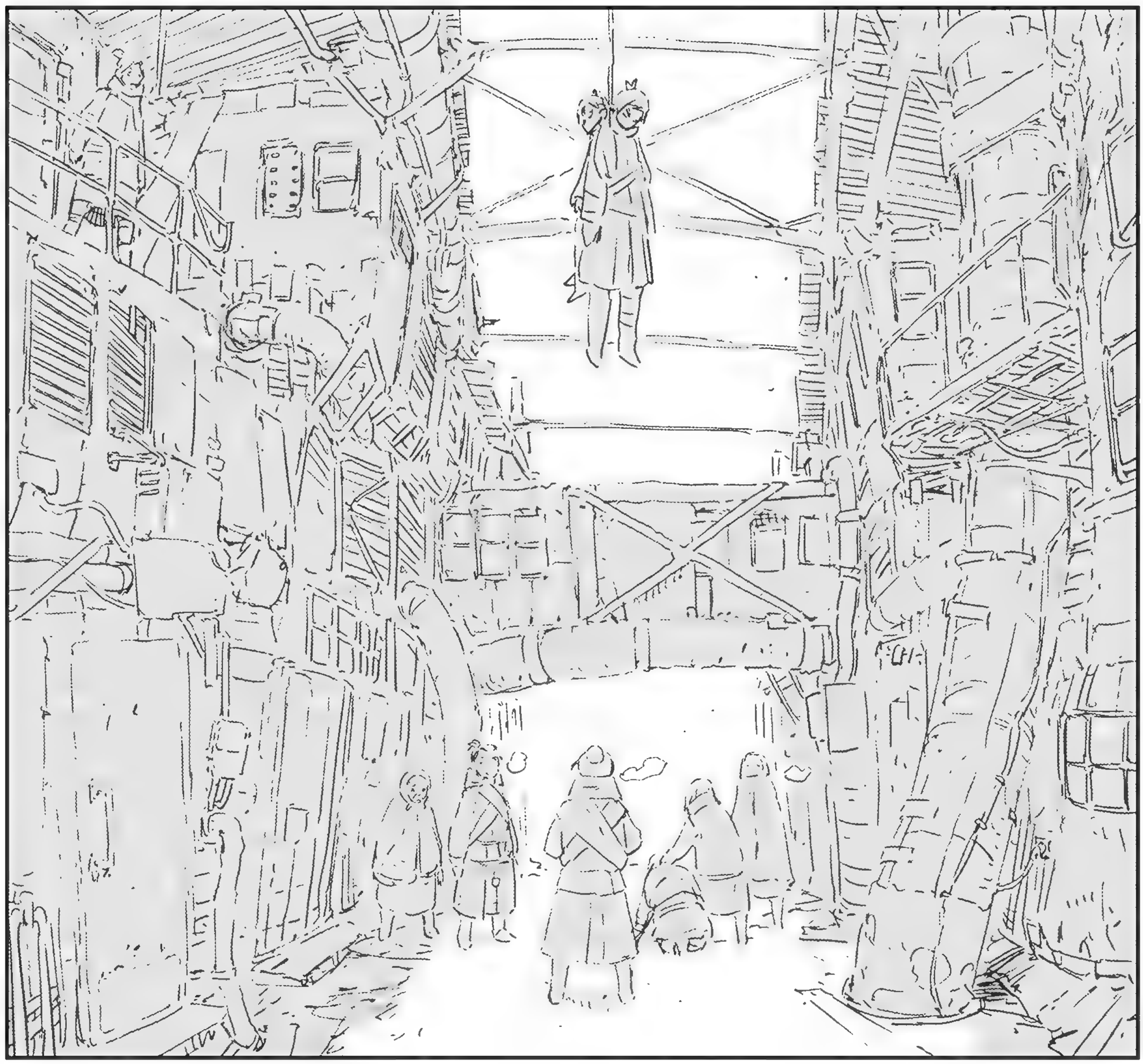


AND SOKUTOHOKA AND NUYUEBOHOKA JUST RECENTLY HAD A CHILD!
HOW VERY SAD ...

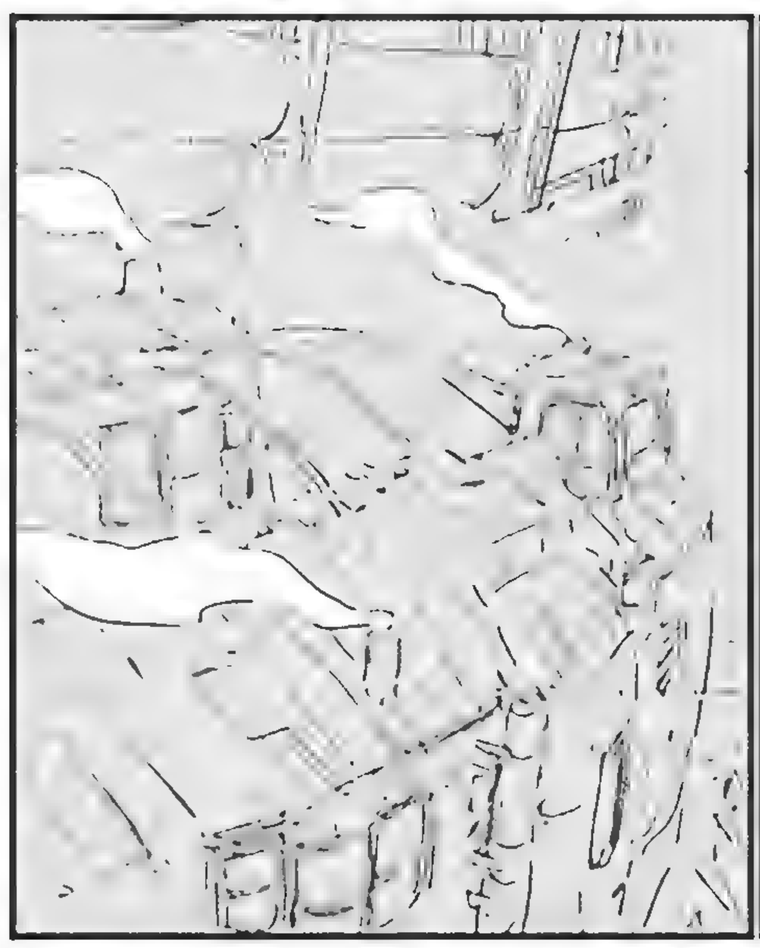
BUT SINCE LONG AGO,
SOMETIMES SOMETHING CAUSES MAHINUTE TO GET ANGRY.
MAHINUTE WAS THE GUARDIAN DEITY OF THIS VILLAGE.

WELL, WOULD THE MECHAS GO TO THE TROUBLE OF BRINGING DEAD BODIES TO THE VILLAGE AND DOING *THAT?*
WAS IT THE GREAT MAHINUTE'S DOING?

IN ANY CASE, WE MUST ABSTAIN FROM EXCURSIONS.

DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS!

I'D PREFER THE MECHAS OR THE EMPIRE TO THIS!
THAT MAKES FIVE PEOPLE IN THE CURRENT PERIOD!



DAMN IT.

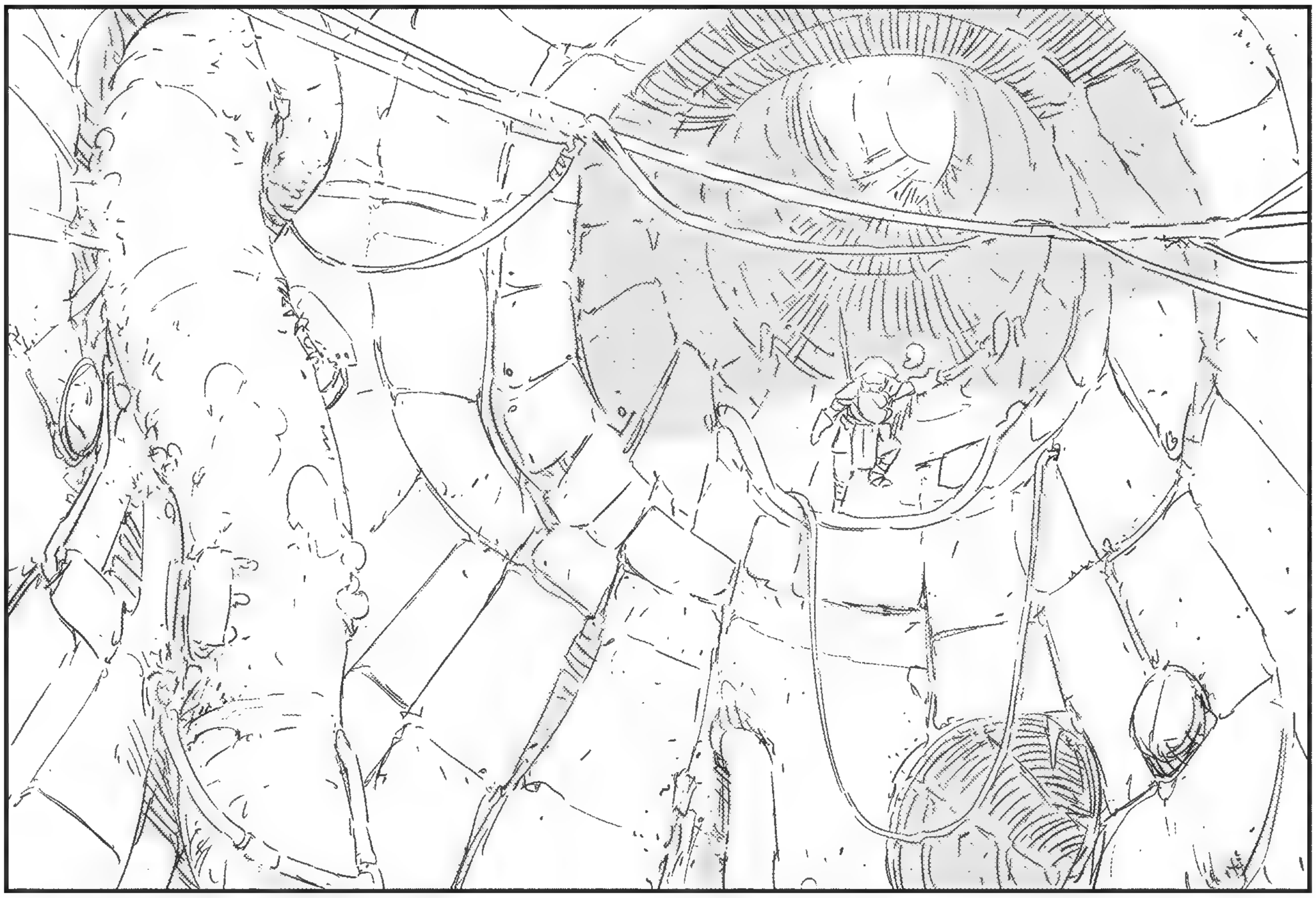
BTAM

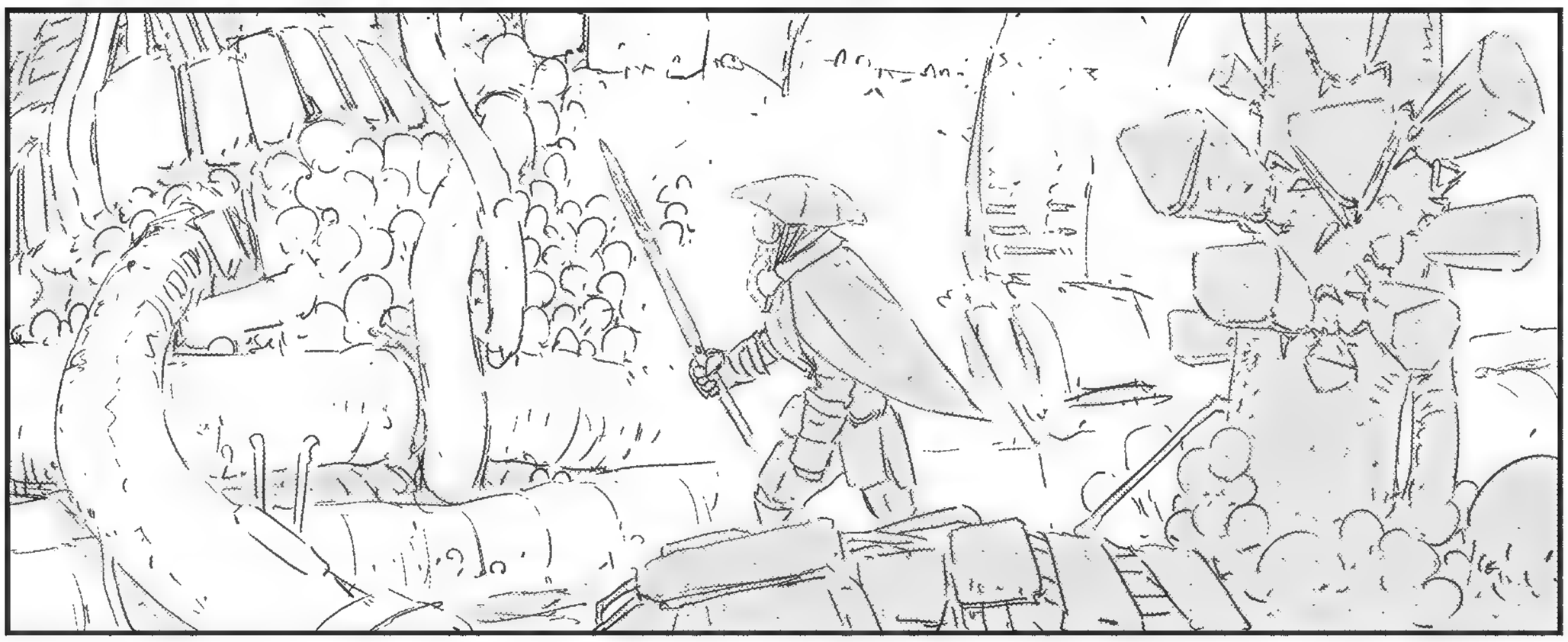
YOU LOT HAVEN'T HAD ANY MEAT LATELY, HAVE YOU.
I'M GOING SMALL MECHA HUNTING.

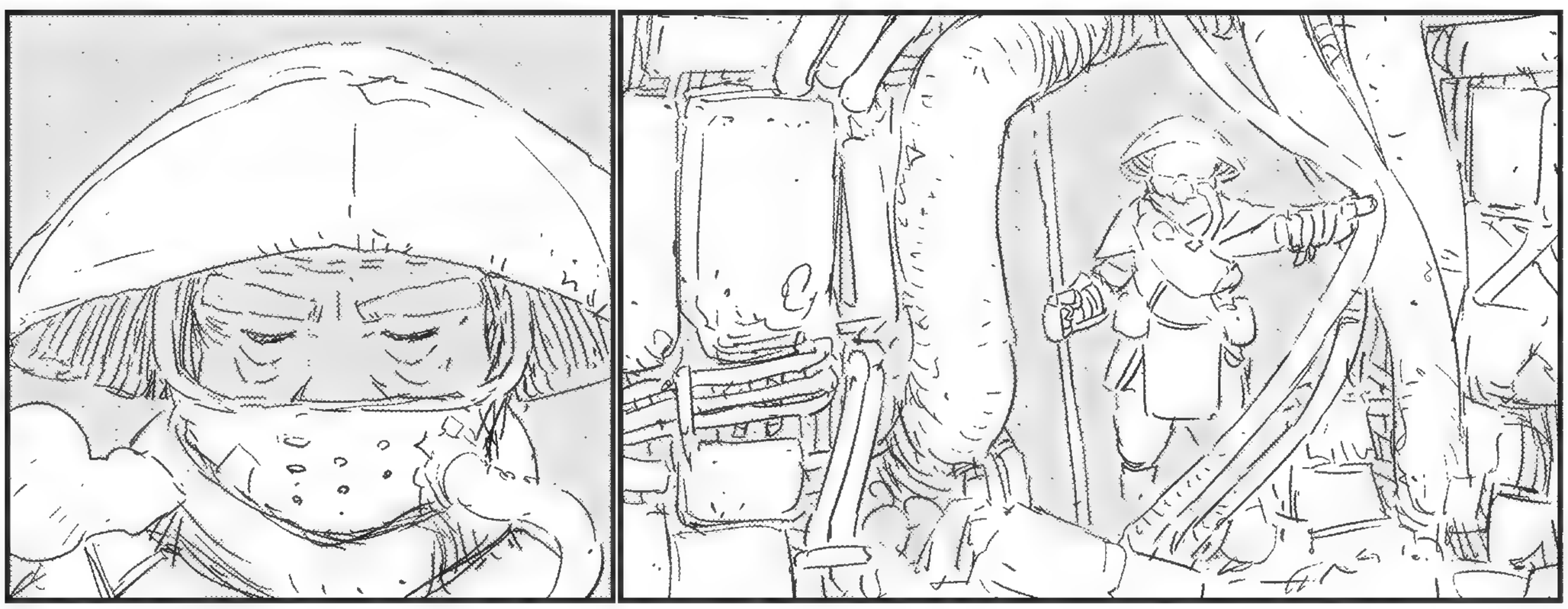
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY DO YOU HAVE A SPEAR?
ELDER HANITSU-HOKA.

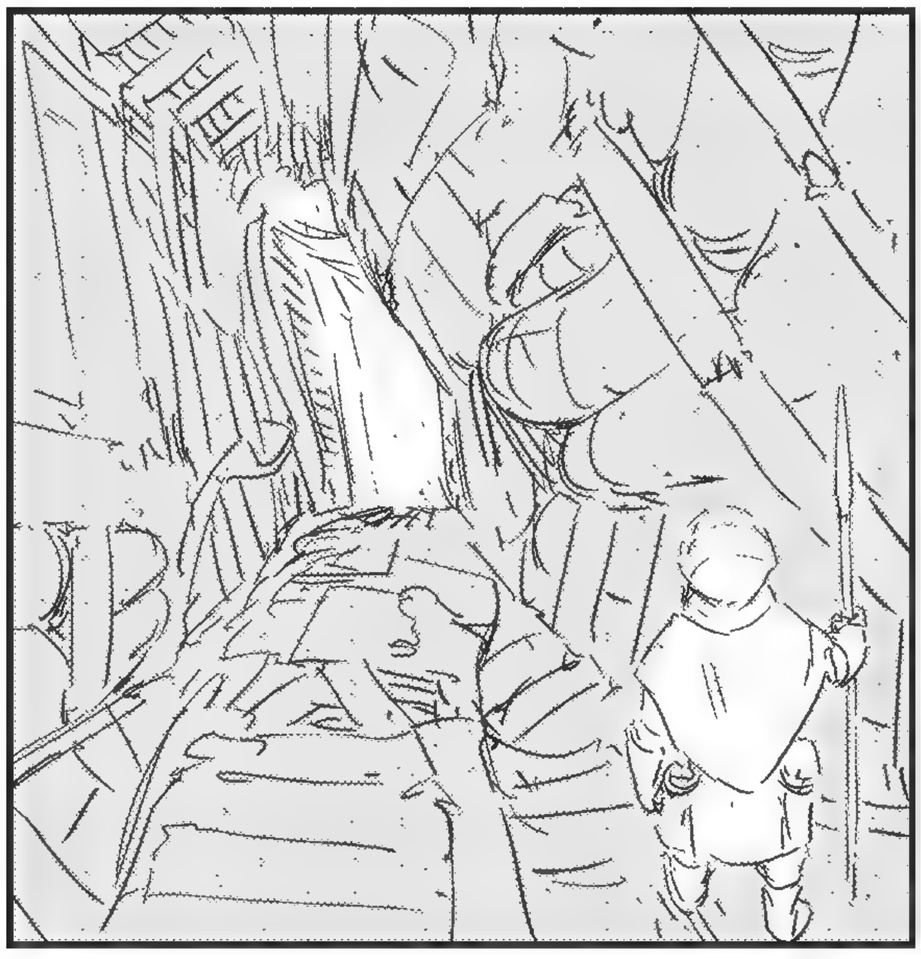
I'M GOING TO GO SPEAK TO MAHINUTE.
DON'T TELL ANYONE!
KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN.

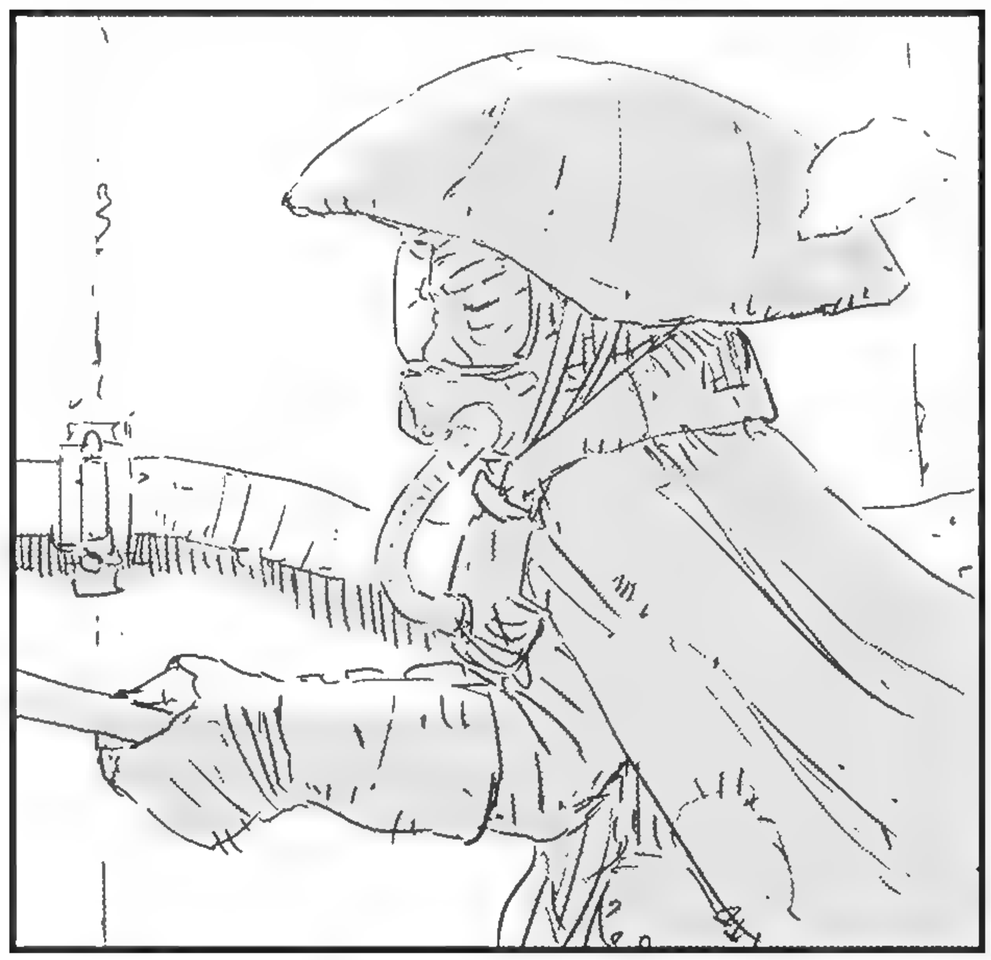
WHAT ARE YOU REALLY UP TO?
YOU'RE LYING. AT THIS HOUR?

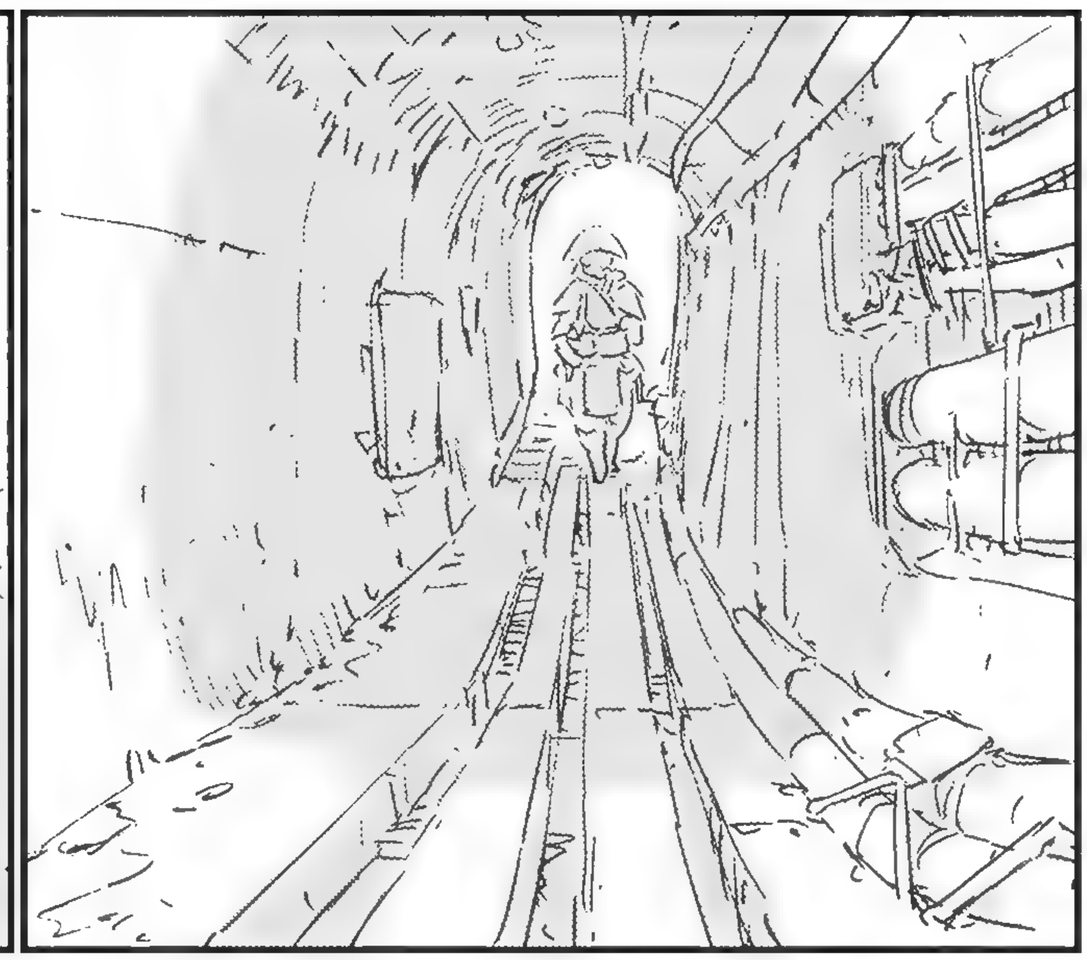


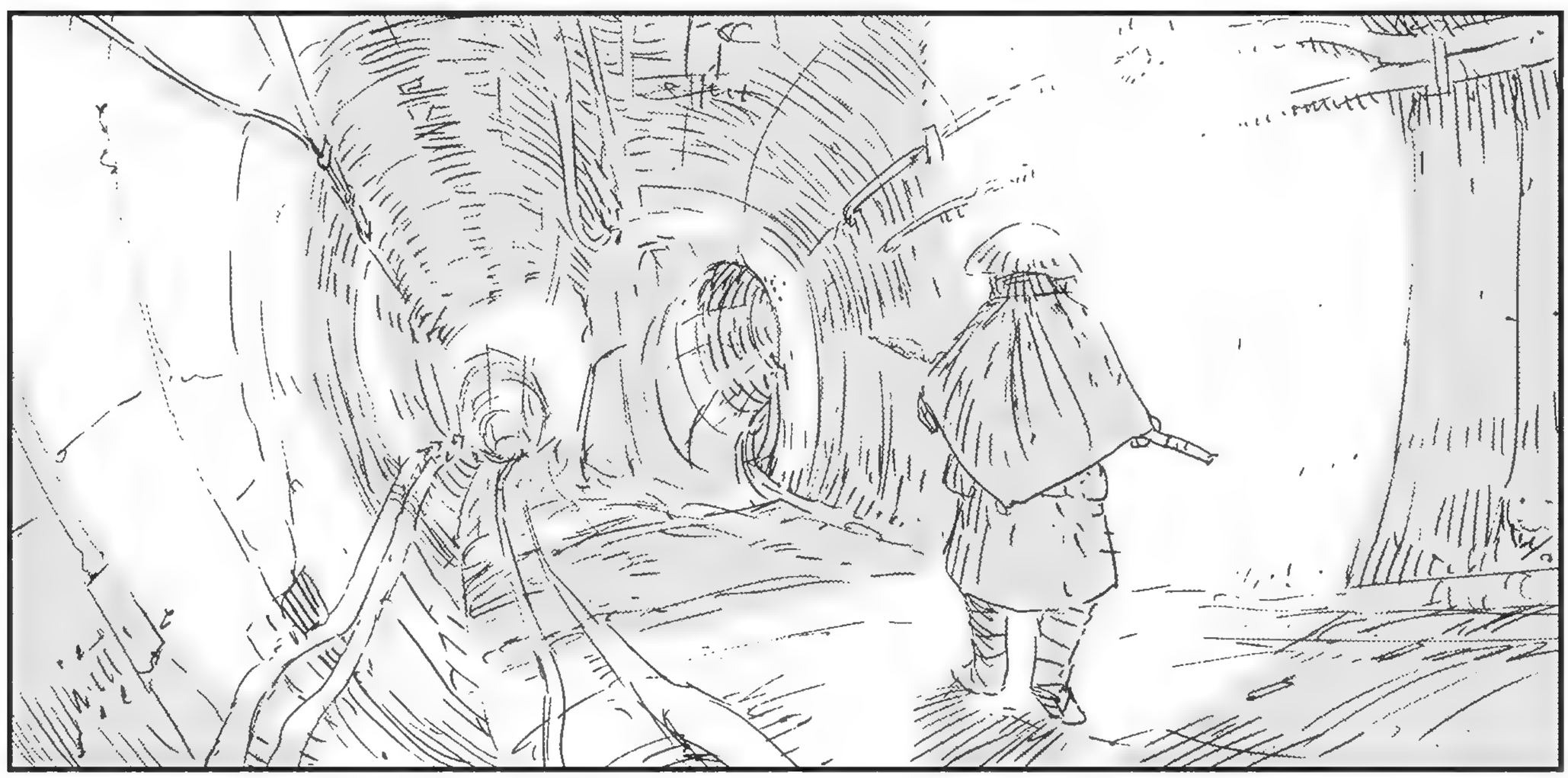


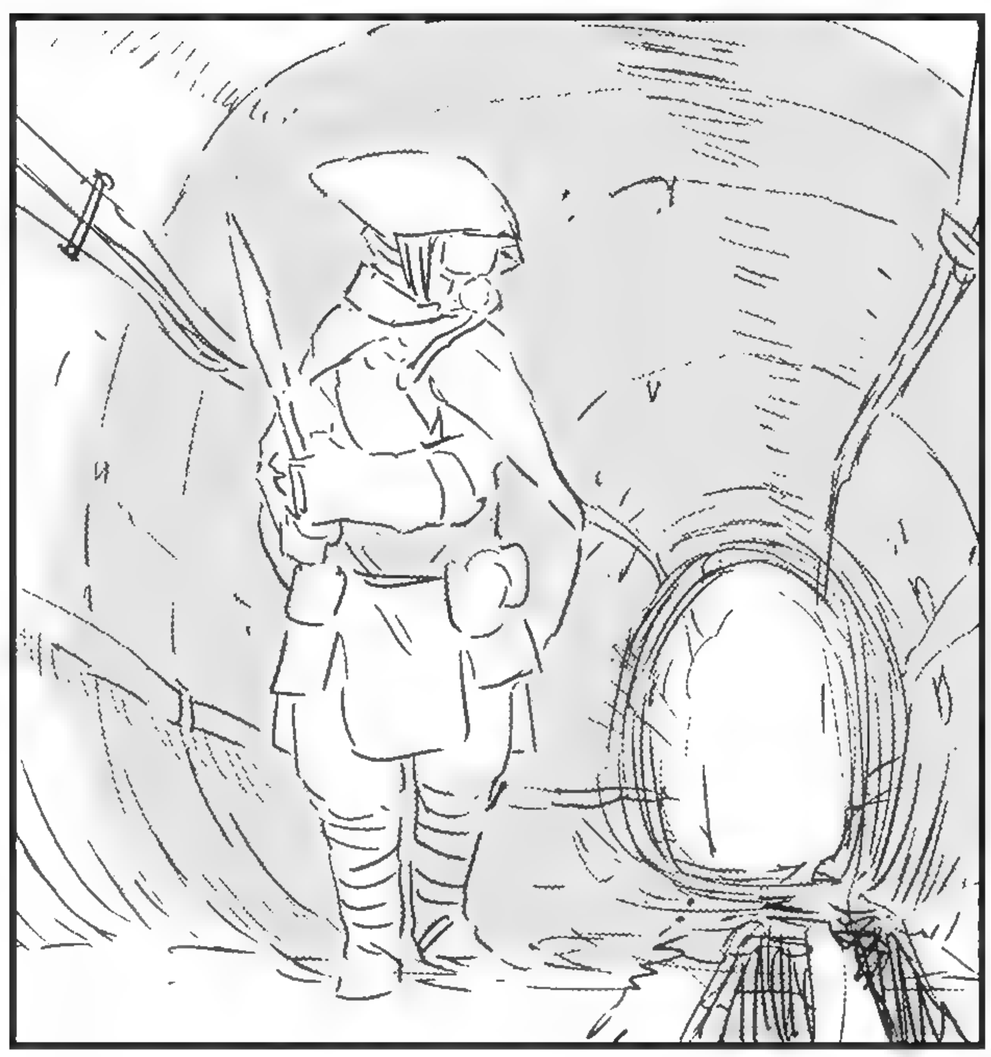


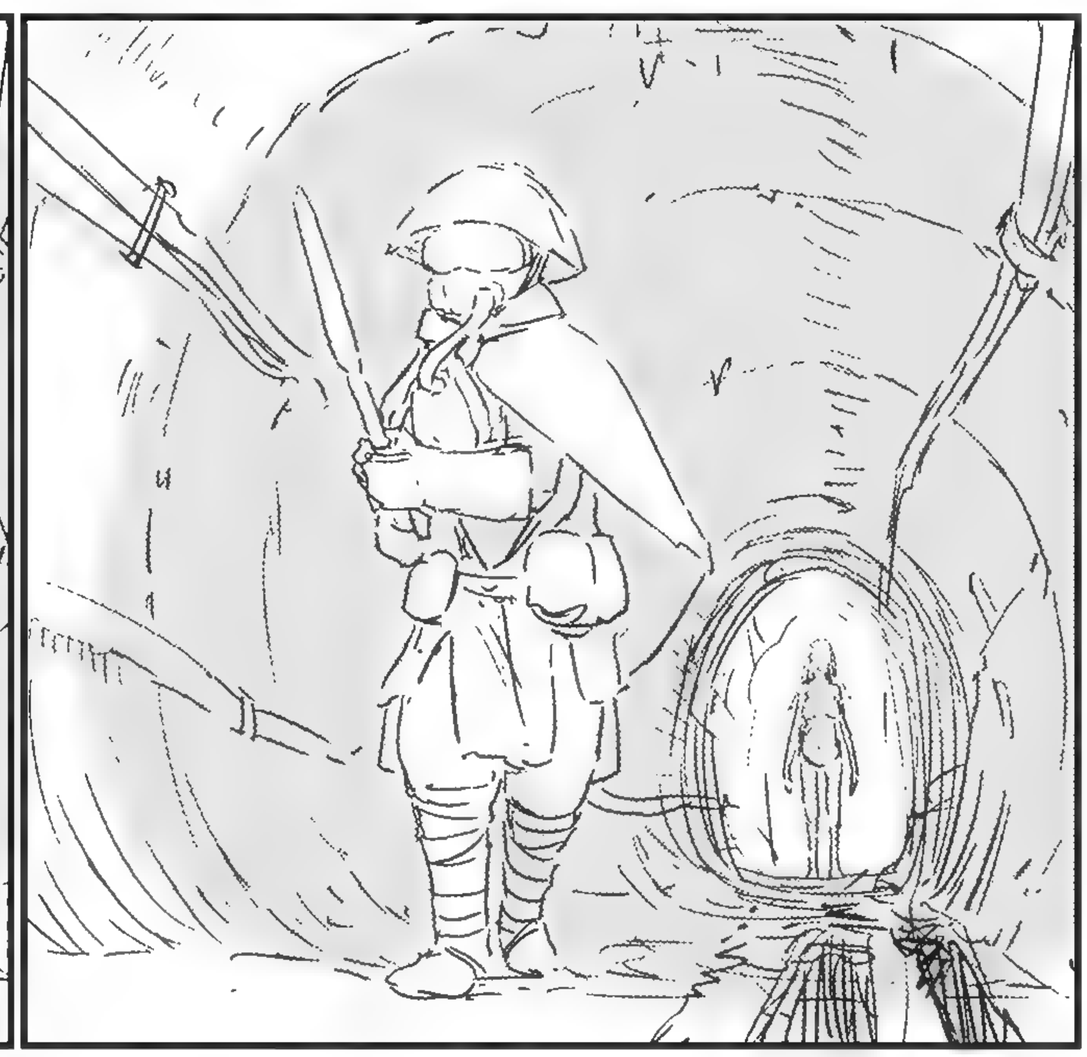


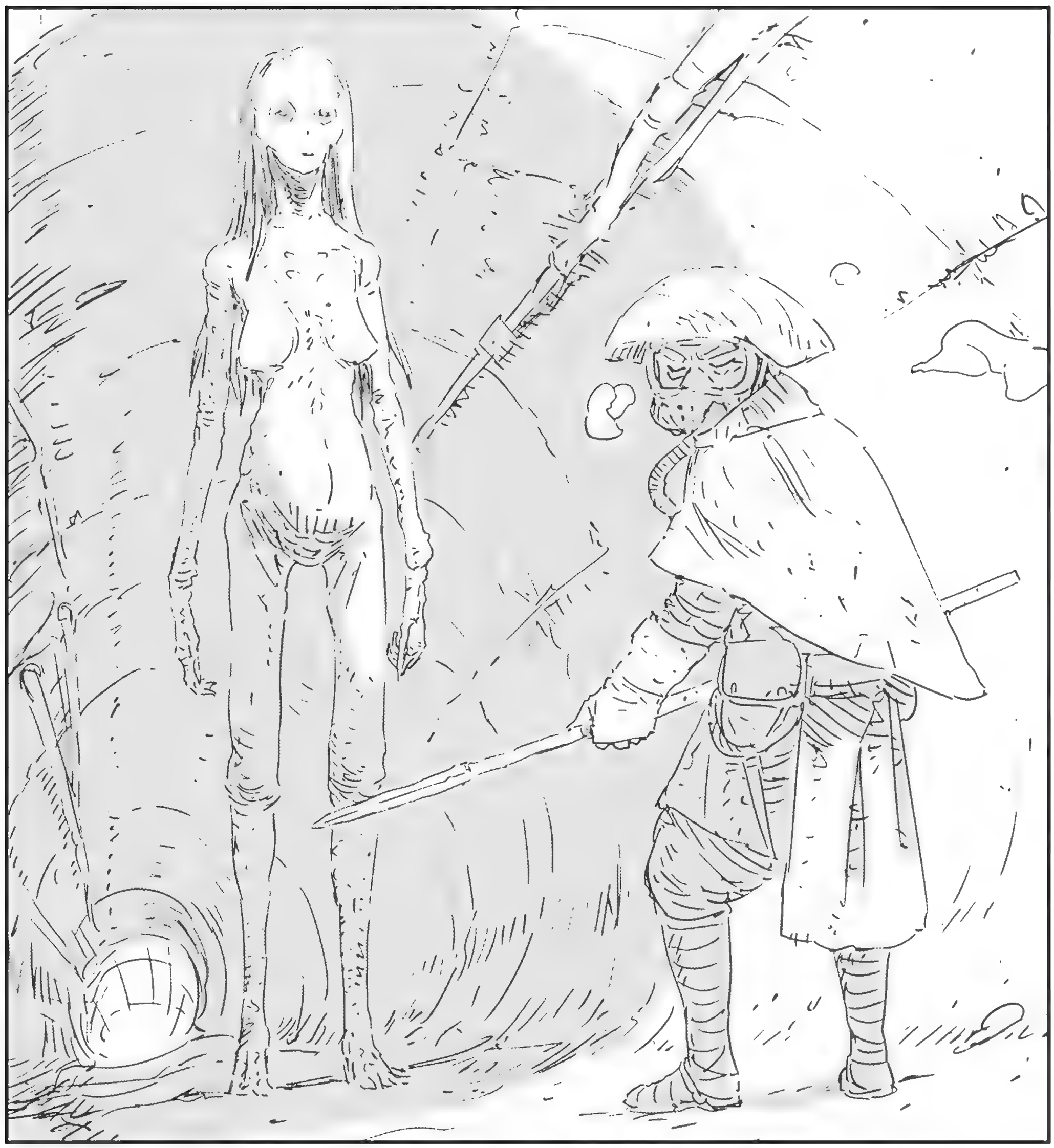


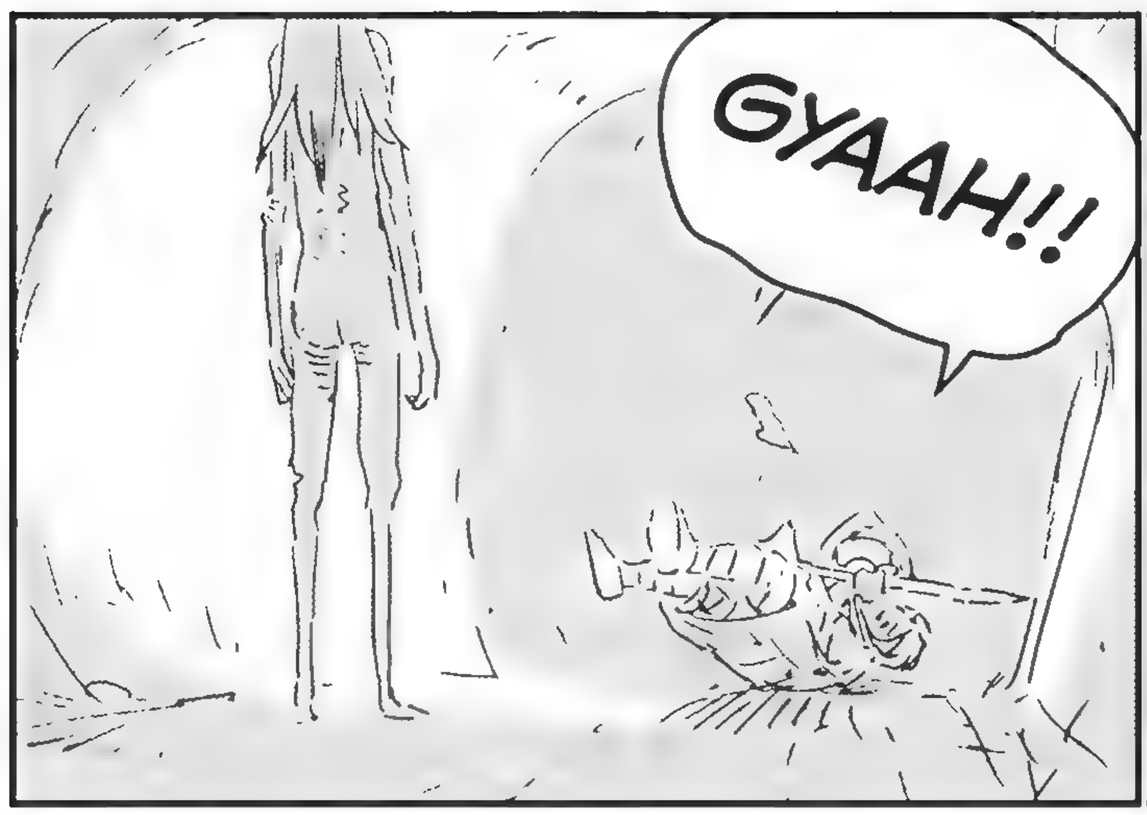


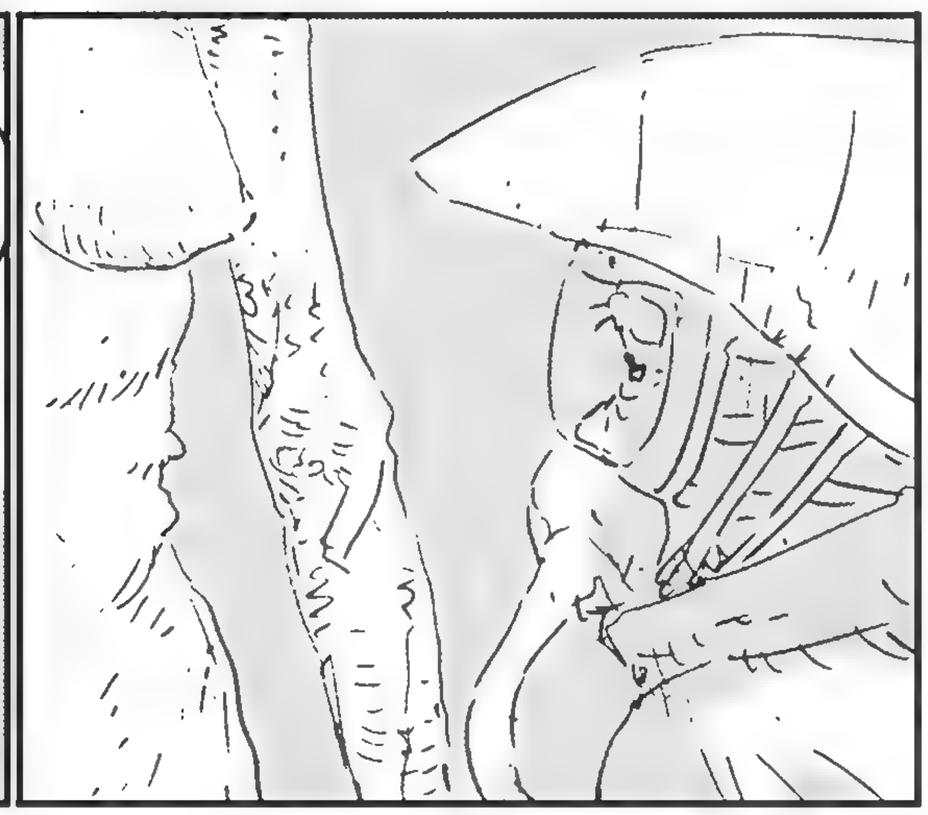


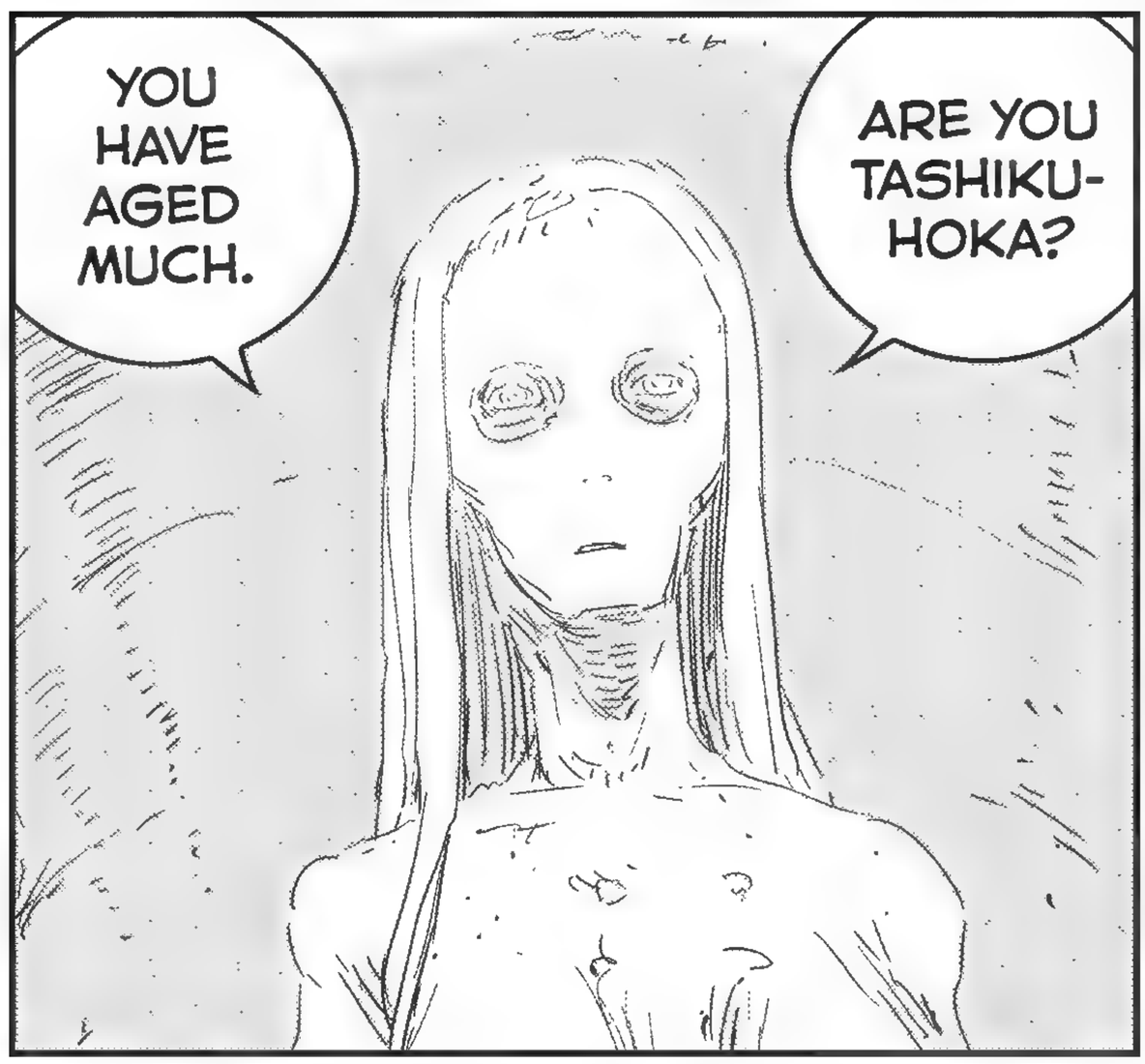


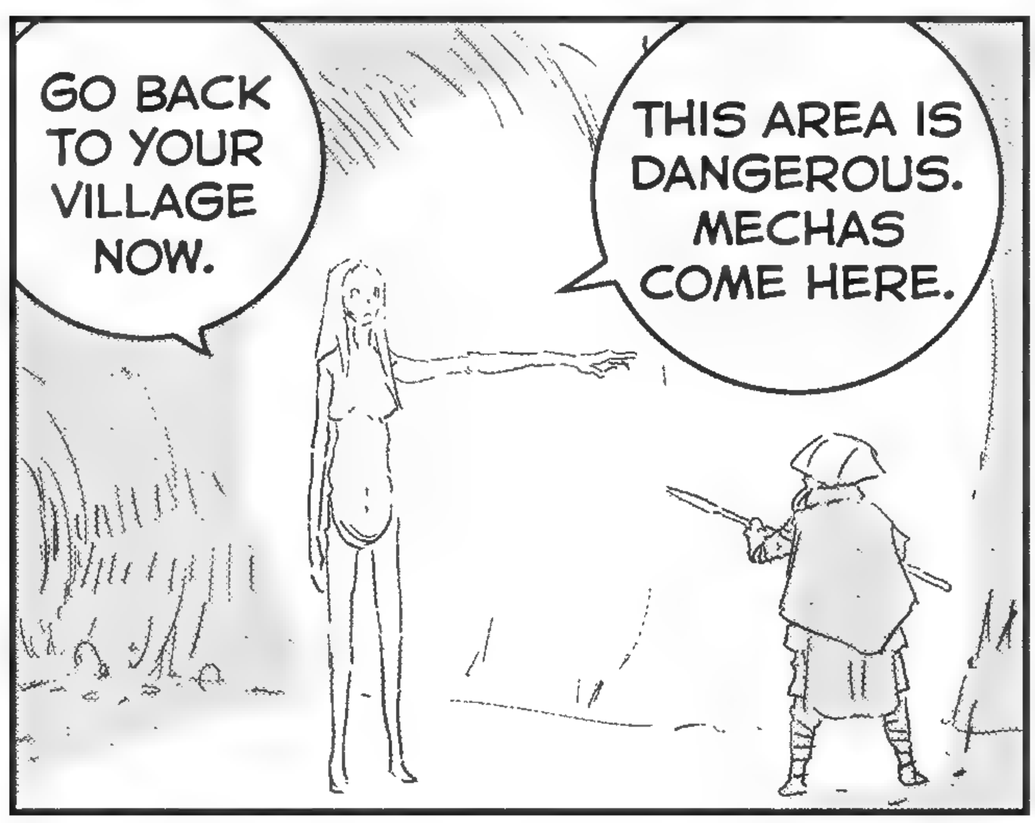




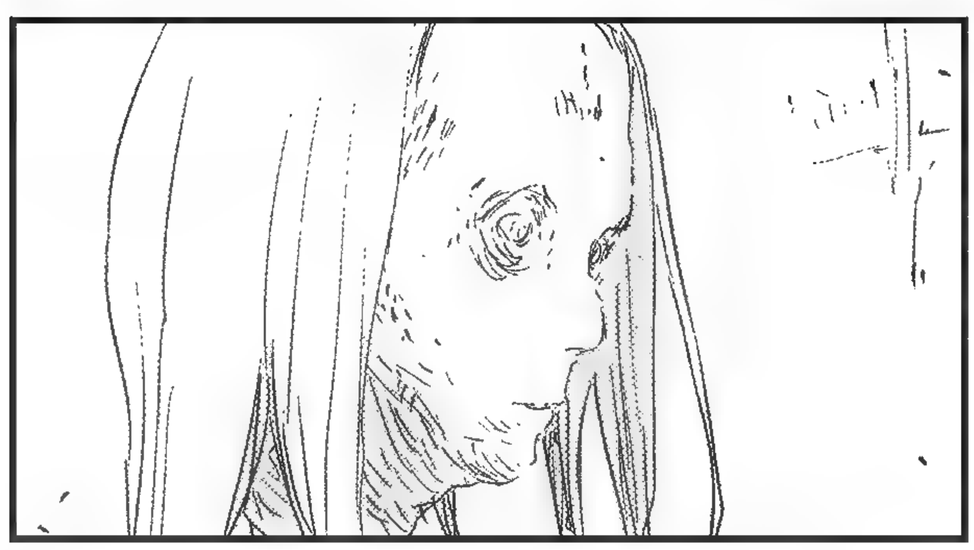

GYAAH!!

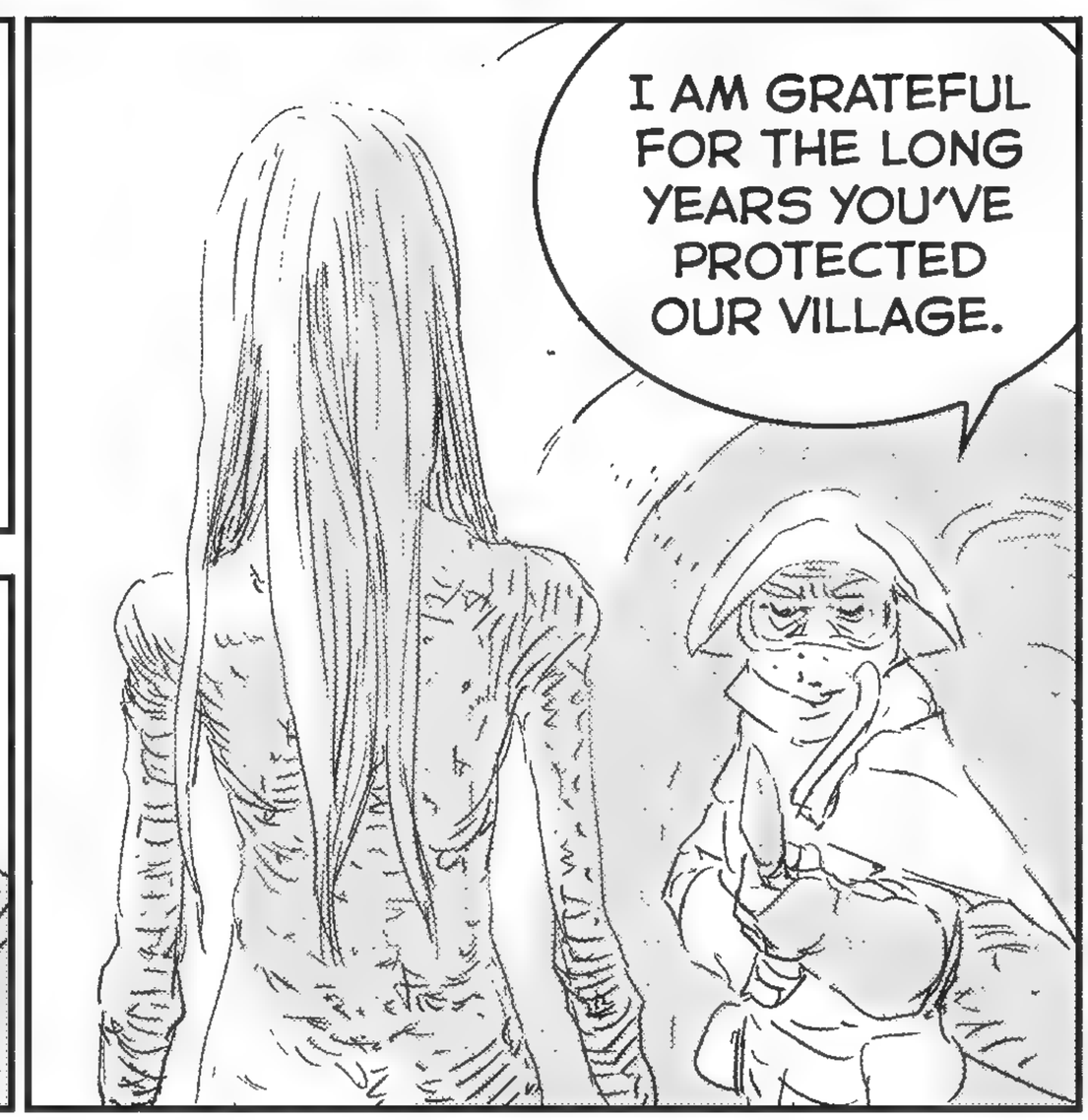


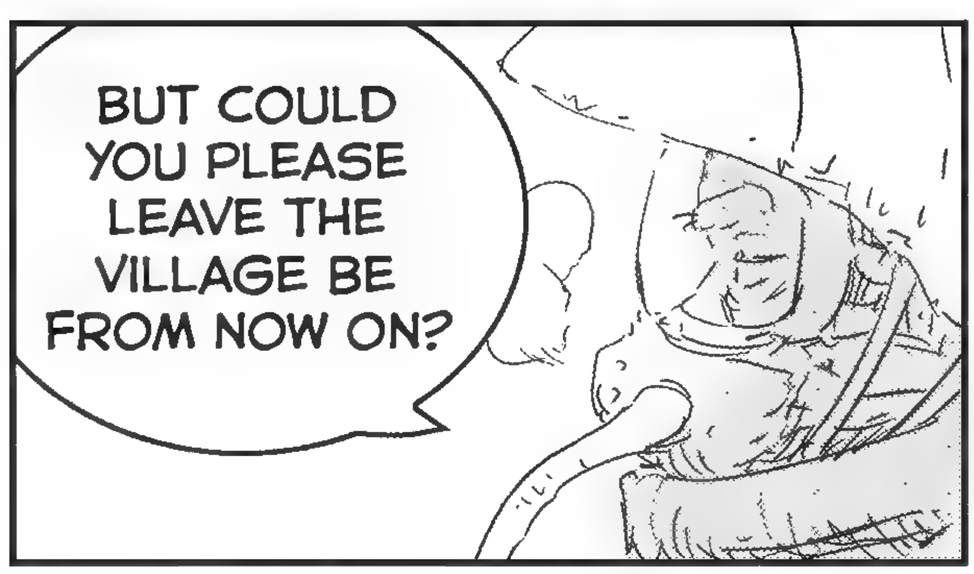

YOU HAVE AGED MUCH.
ARE YOU TASHIKU-HOKA?


GO BACK TO YOUR VILLAGE NOW.
THIS AREA IS DANGEROUS. MECHAS COME HERE.

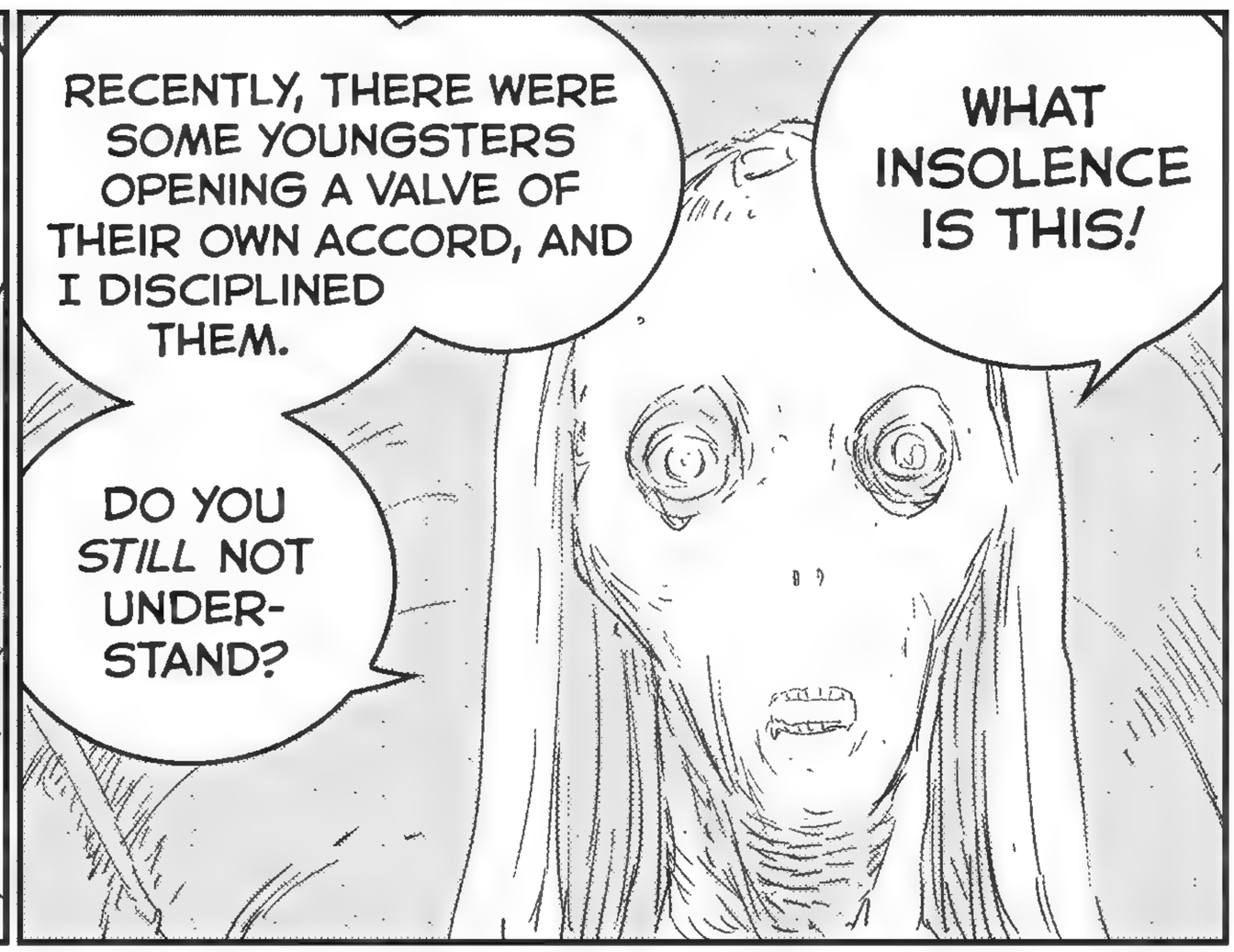
HE DIED A LONG TIME AGO.
TASHIKU-HOKA WAS MY GRAND-FATHER.

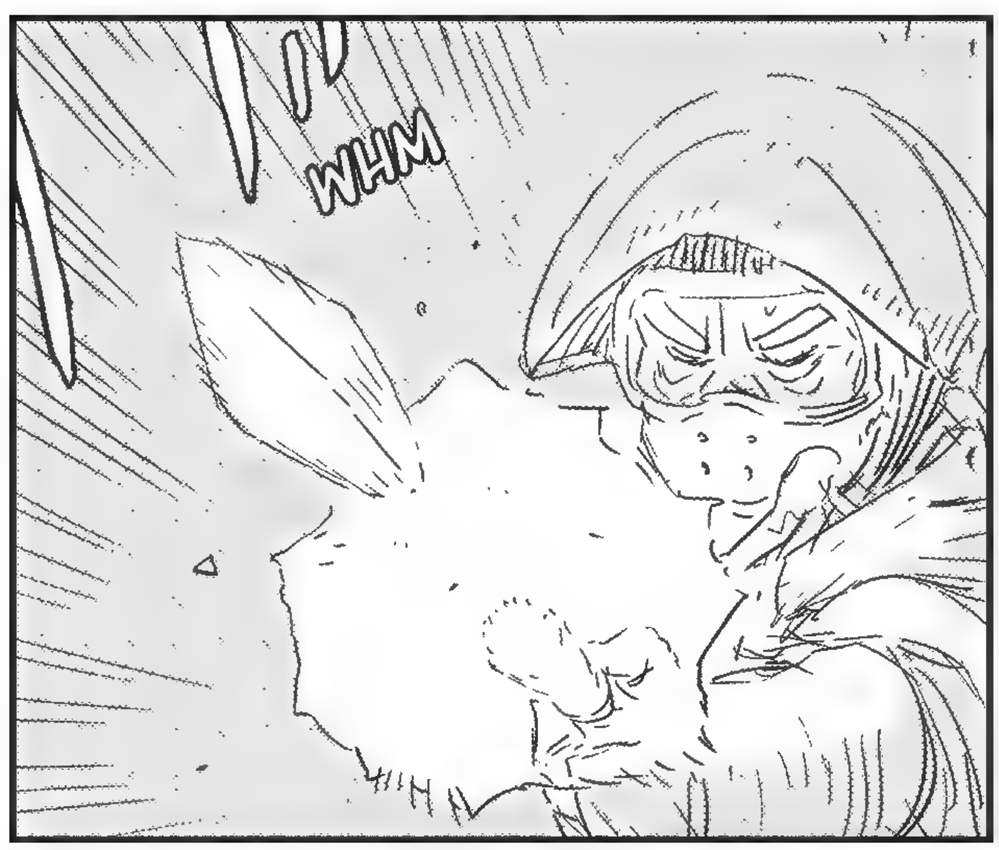



I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE LONG YEARS YOU'VE PROTECTED OUR VILLAGE.


BUT COULD YOU PLEASE LEAVE THE VILLAGE BE FROM NOW ON?

GREAT MAHINUTE, I BEG OF YOU, PLEASE GO SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY
AND NEVER COME NEAR THE VILLAGE AGAIN.


RECENTLY, THERE WERE SOME YOUNGSTERS OPENING A VALVE OF THEIR OWN ACCORD, AND I DISCIPLINED THEM.
WHAT INSOLENCE IS THIS!
DO YOU STILL NOT UNDER-STAND?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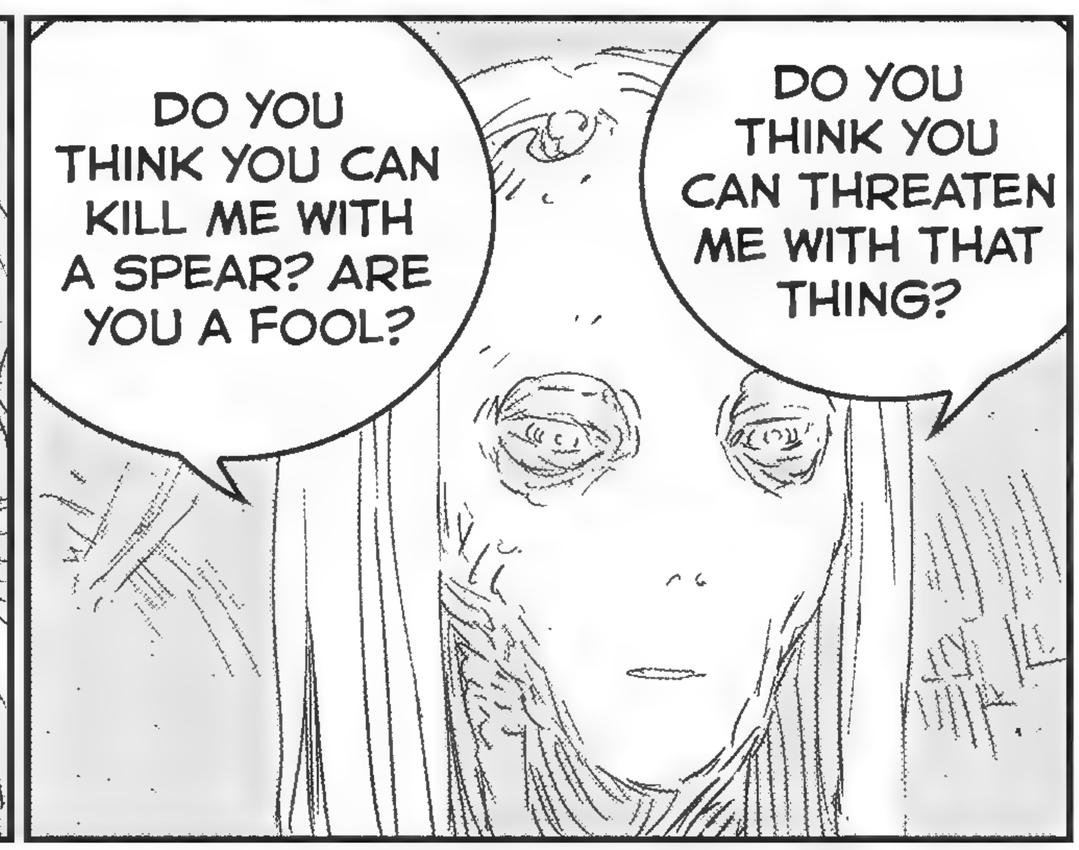
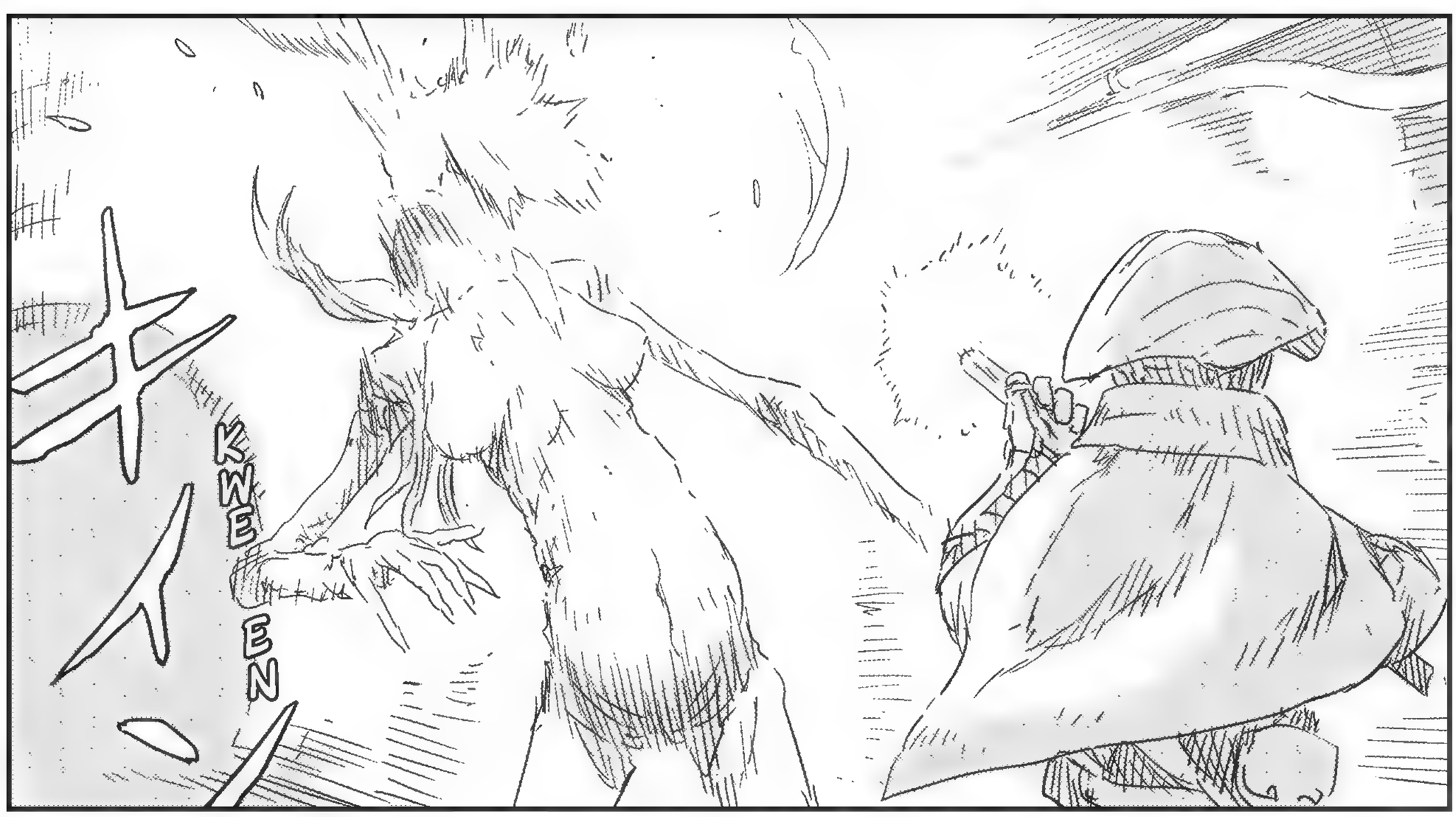

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN KILL ME WITH A SPEAR? ARE YOU A FOOL?
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN THREATEN ME WITH THAT THING?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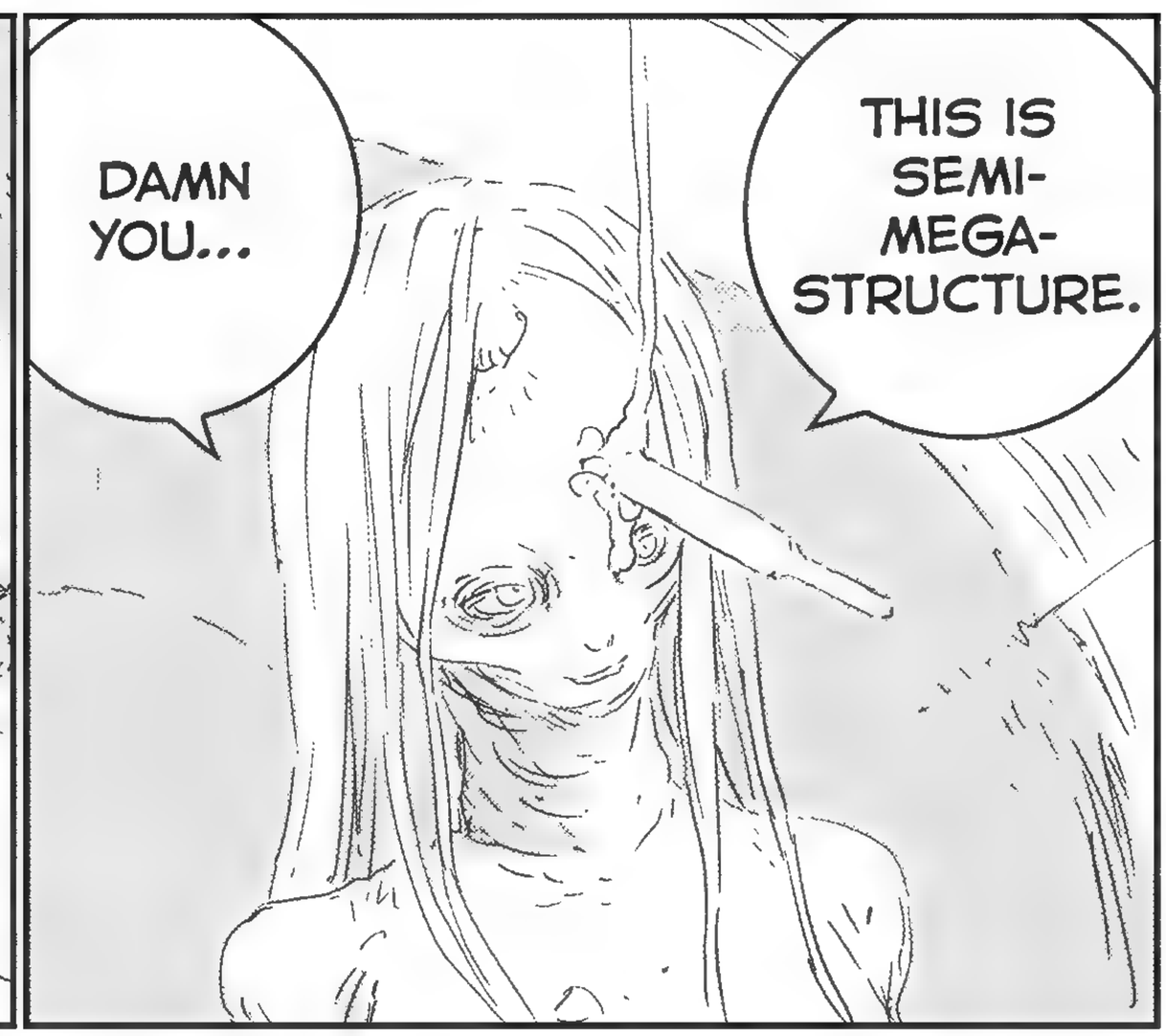

THWHSHH

AH HA HA HA HA!!

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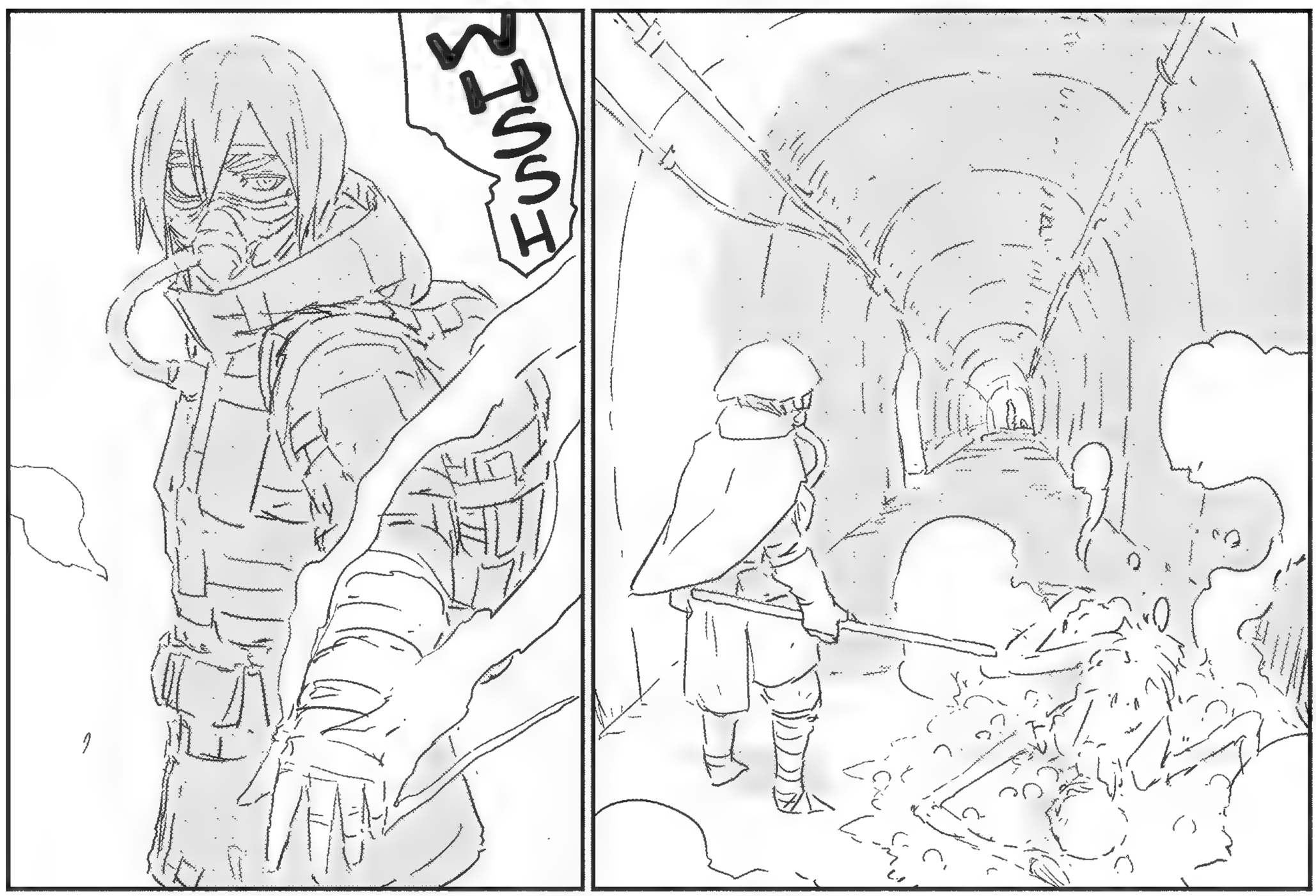
IT HAD NO EFFECT AT ALL!

IT WAS TOO WEAK. IT DIDN'T REACH MY BRAIN.

TLNK

BKAM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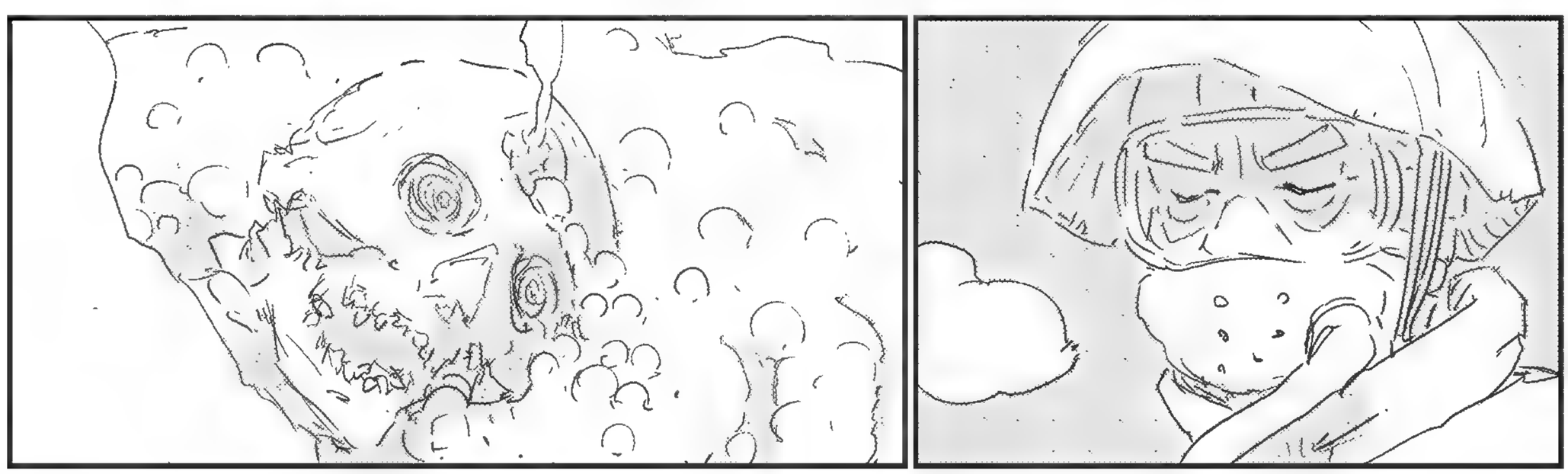
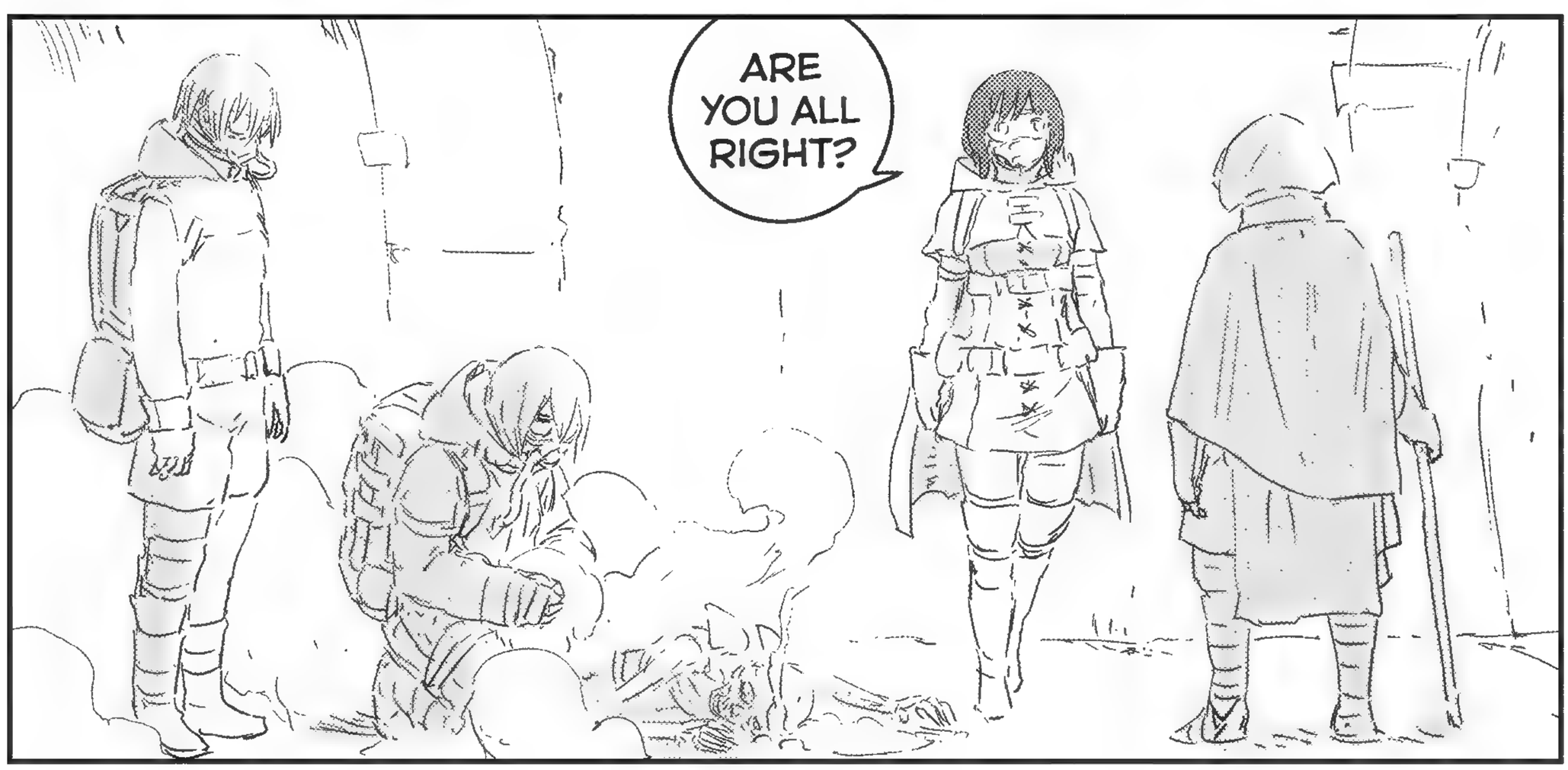
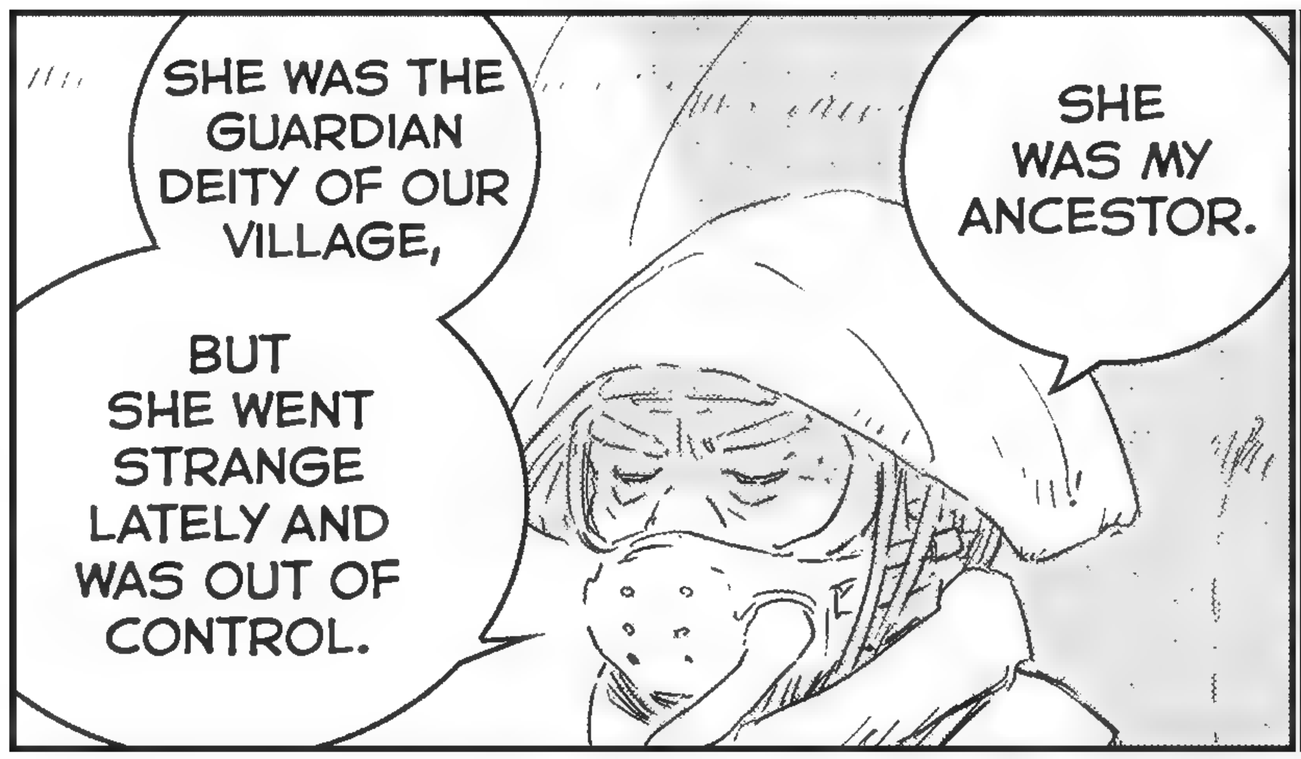
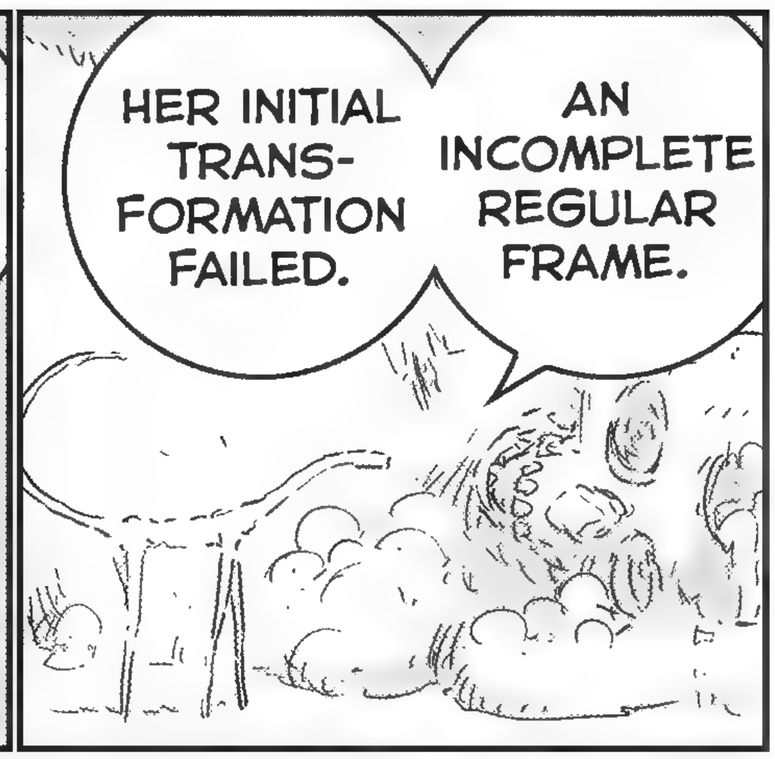
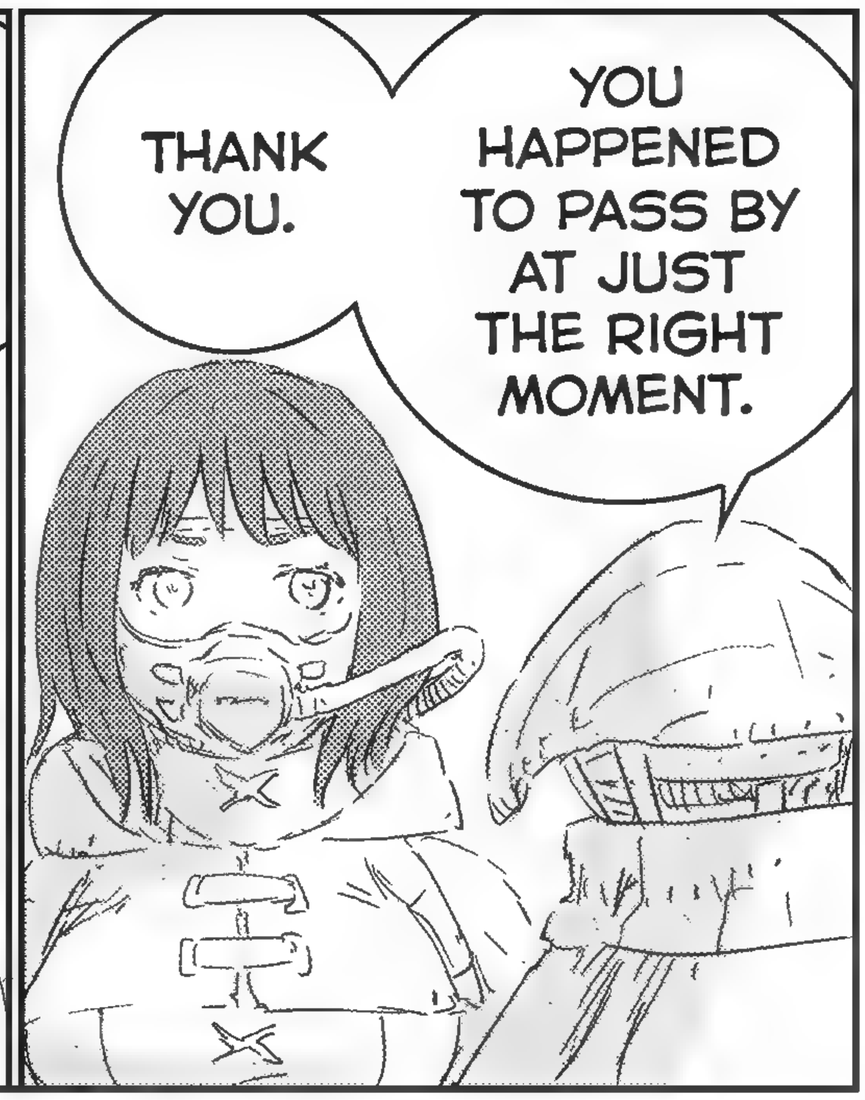



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

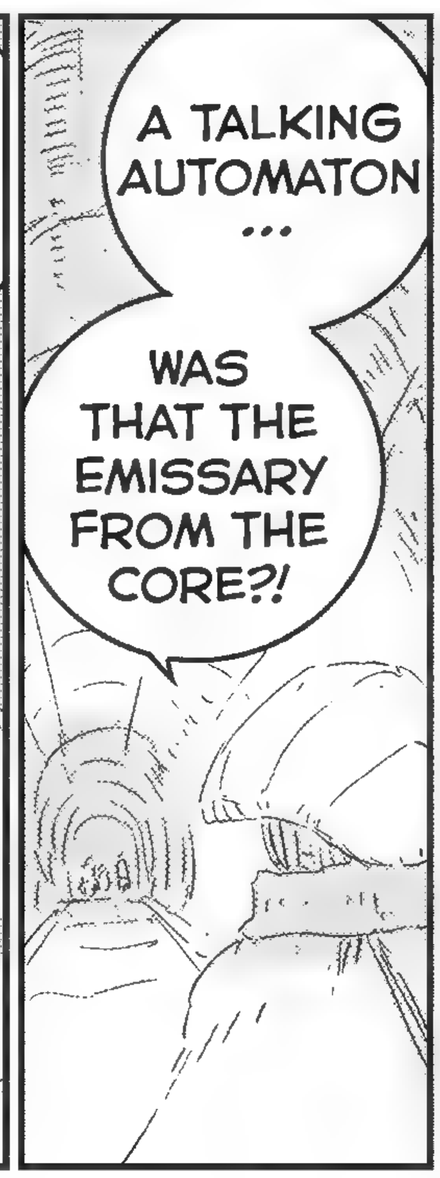

SHE WAS THE GUARDIAN DEITY OF OUR VILLAGE,
BUT SHE WENT STRANGE LATELY AND WAS OUT OF CONTROL.
SHE WAS MY ANCESTOR.

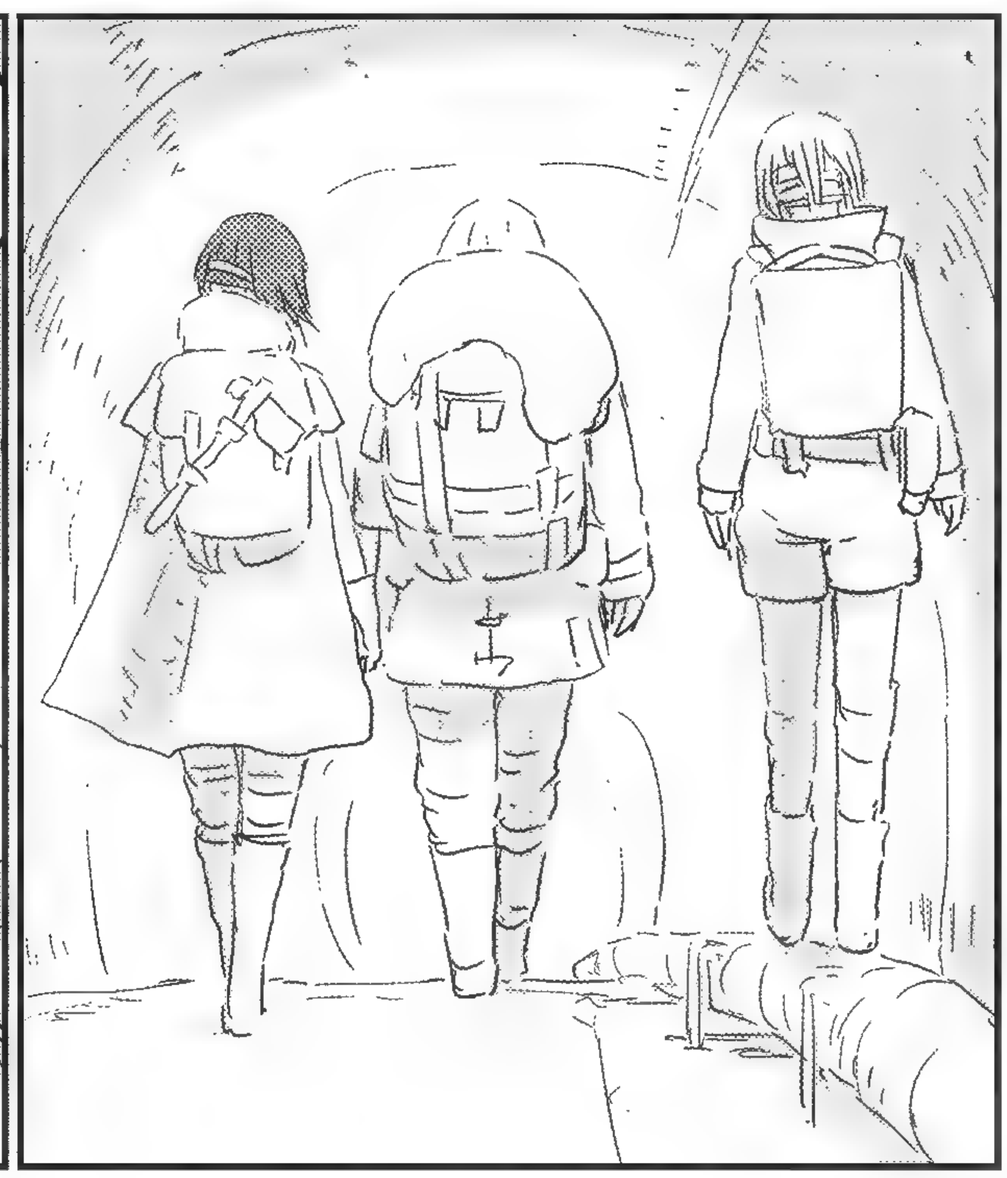

HER INITIAL TRANS-FORMATION FAILED.
AN INCOMPLETE REGULAR FRAME.

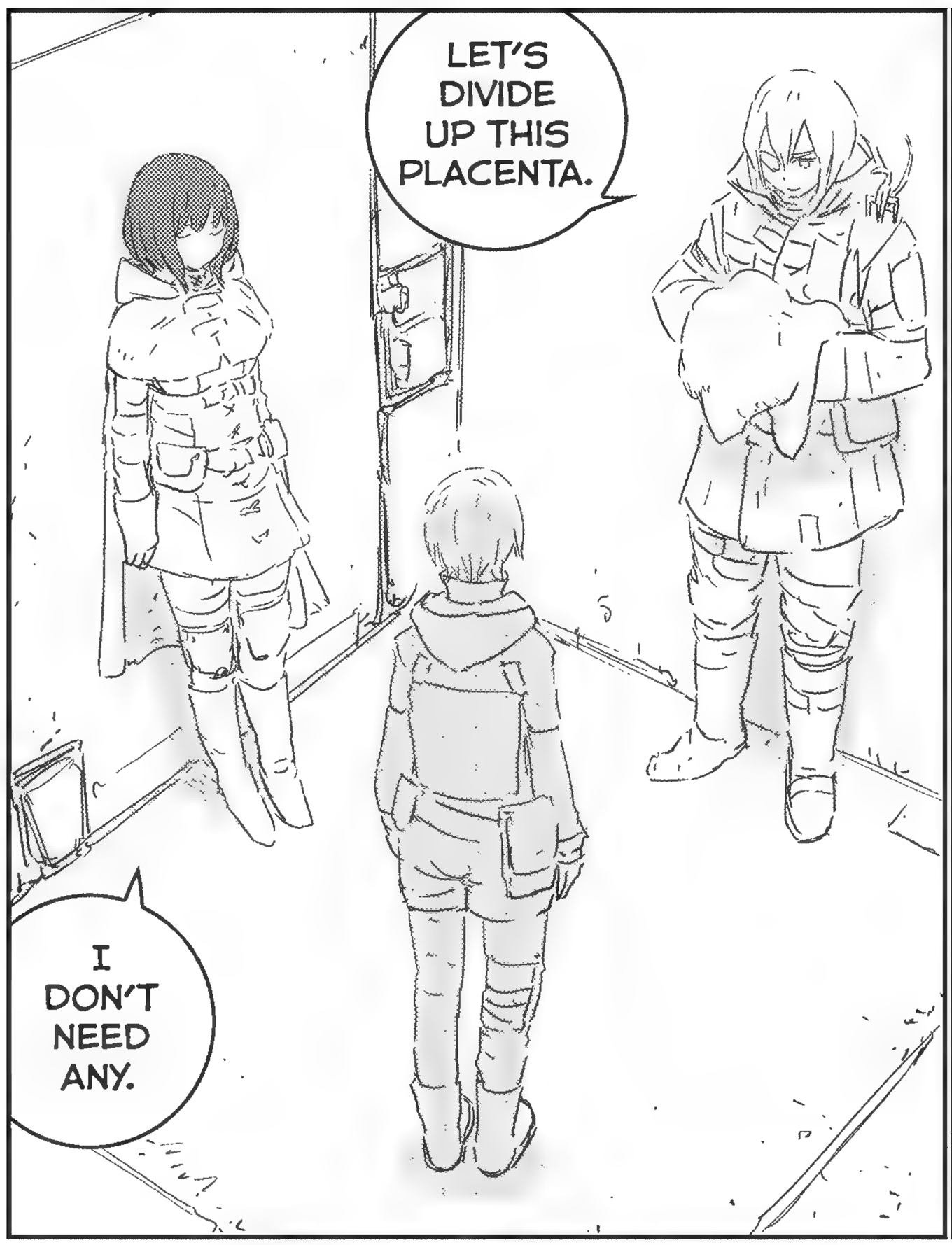
SO LONG.
WE'VE GOTTA GET GOING.

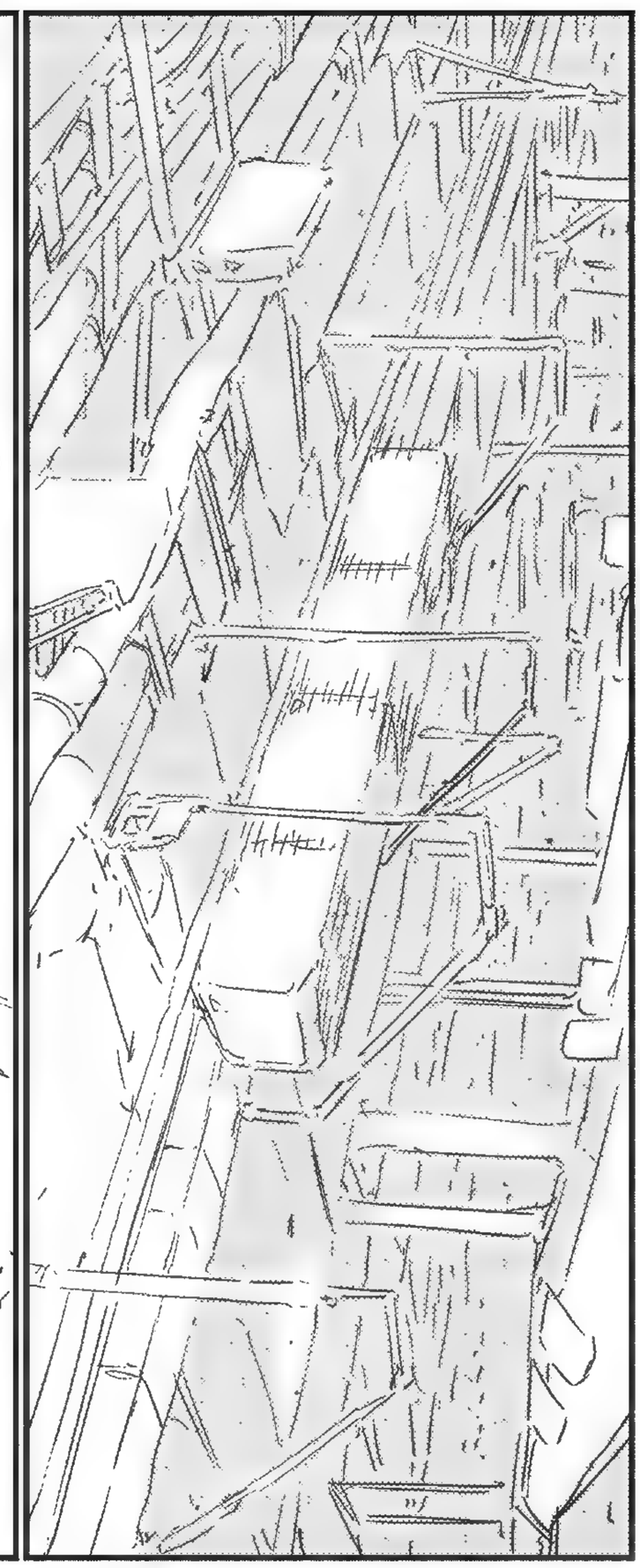

THANK YOU.
YOU HAPPENED TO PASS BY AT JUST THE RIGHT MOMENT.

WAS THAT THEM?
THE REGULAR FRAMES FROM THE NORTHERN COMPOSITE SLAB RE-GION
THAT ARE RUMORED TO BE DRIVING OUT THE EMPIRE?

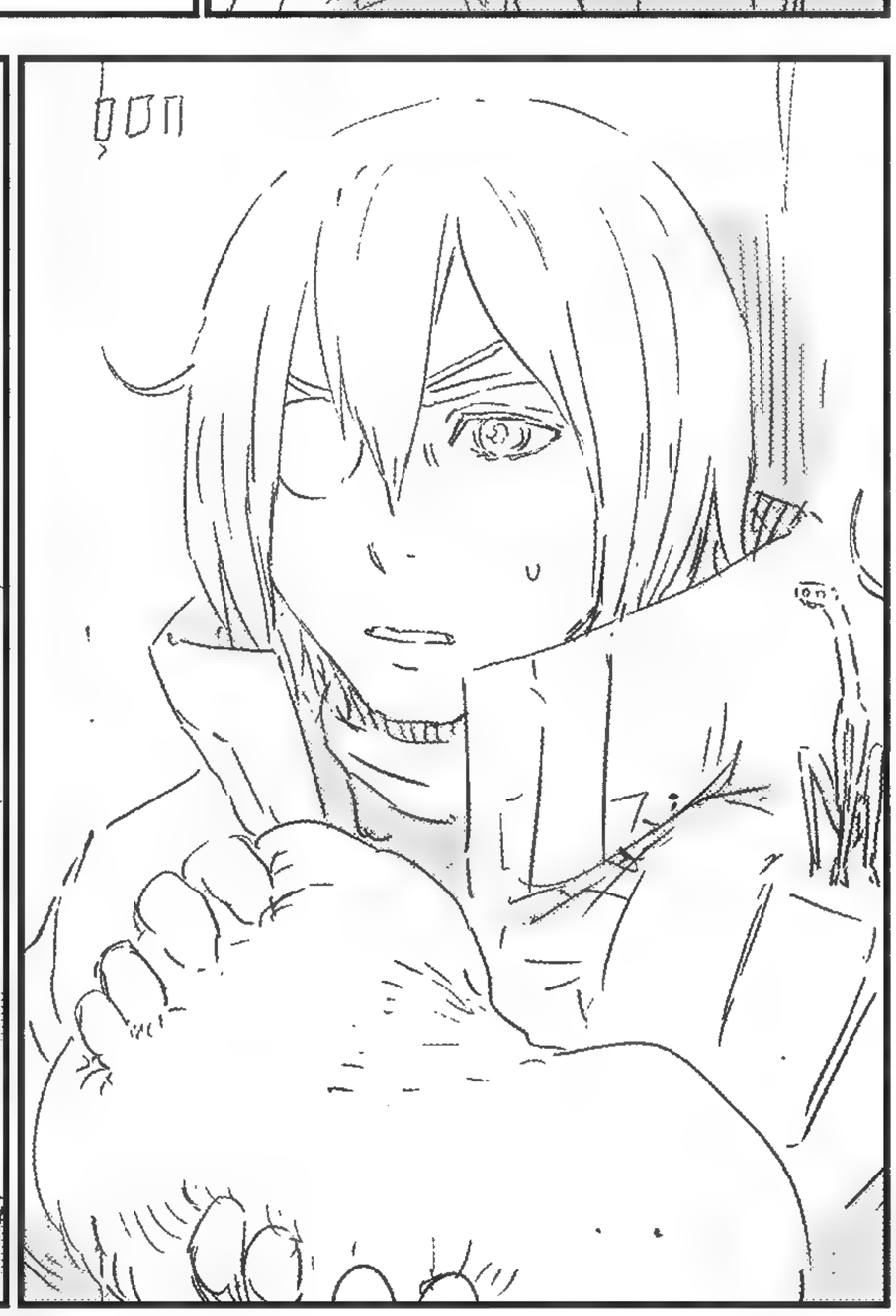

A TALKING AUTOMATON ...
WAS THAT THE EMISSARY FROM THE CORE?!

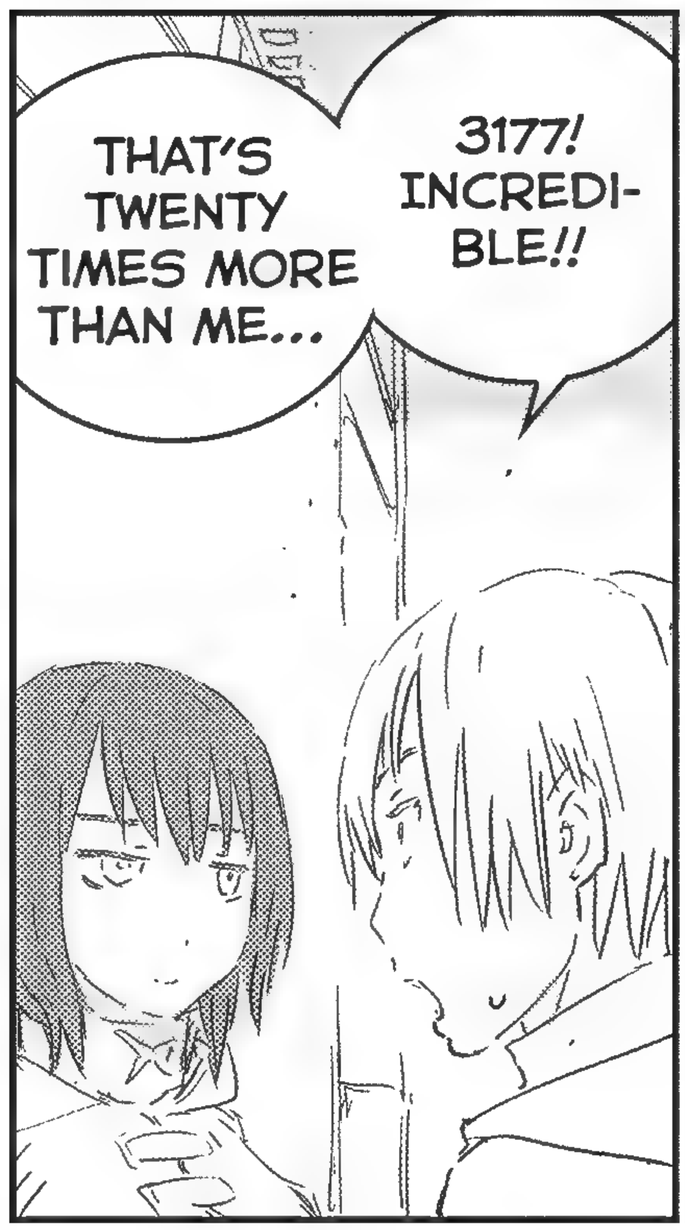



LET'S DIVIDE UP THIS PLACENTA.
I DON'T NEED ANY.

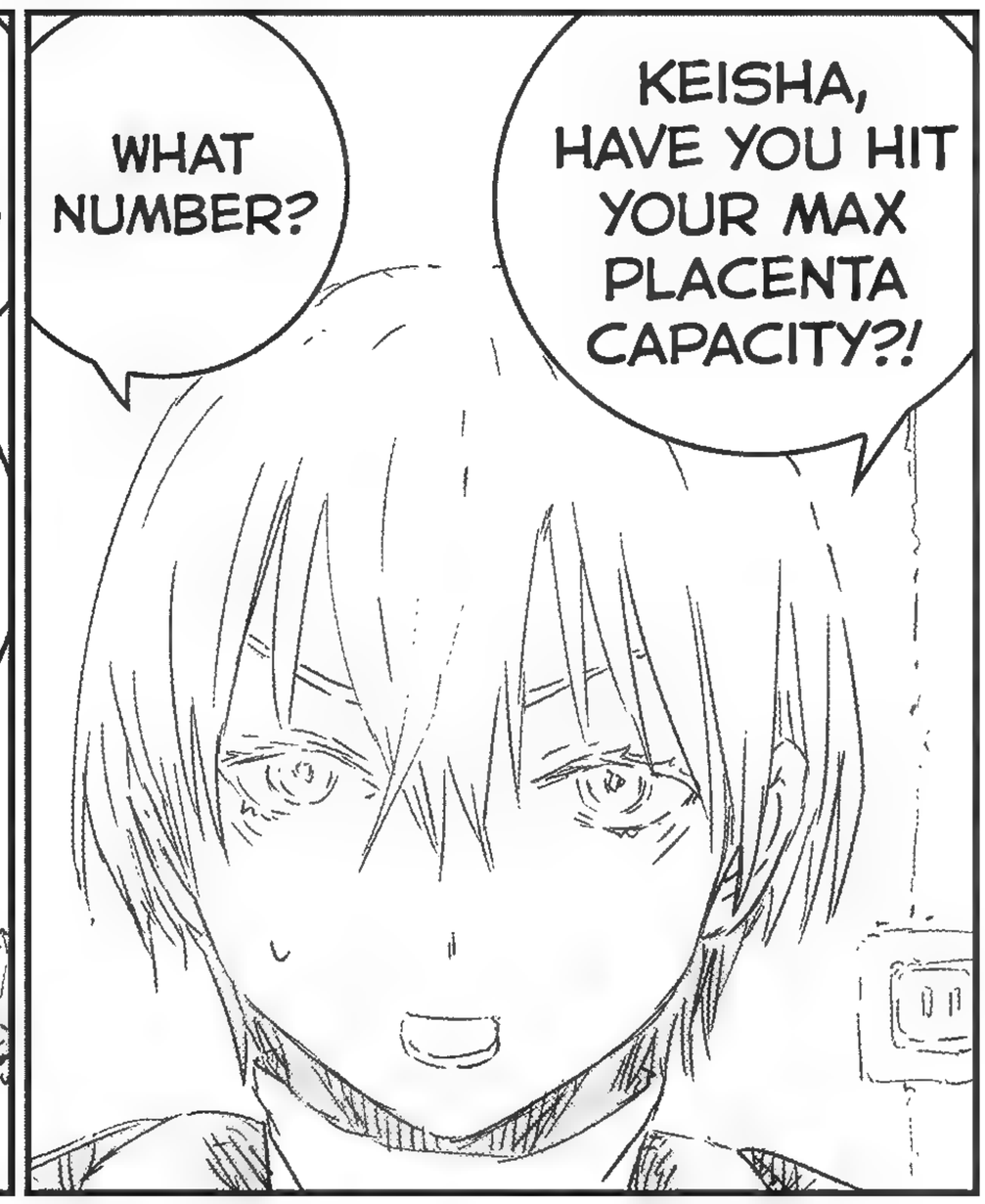


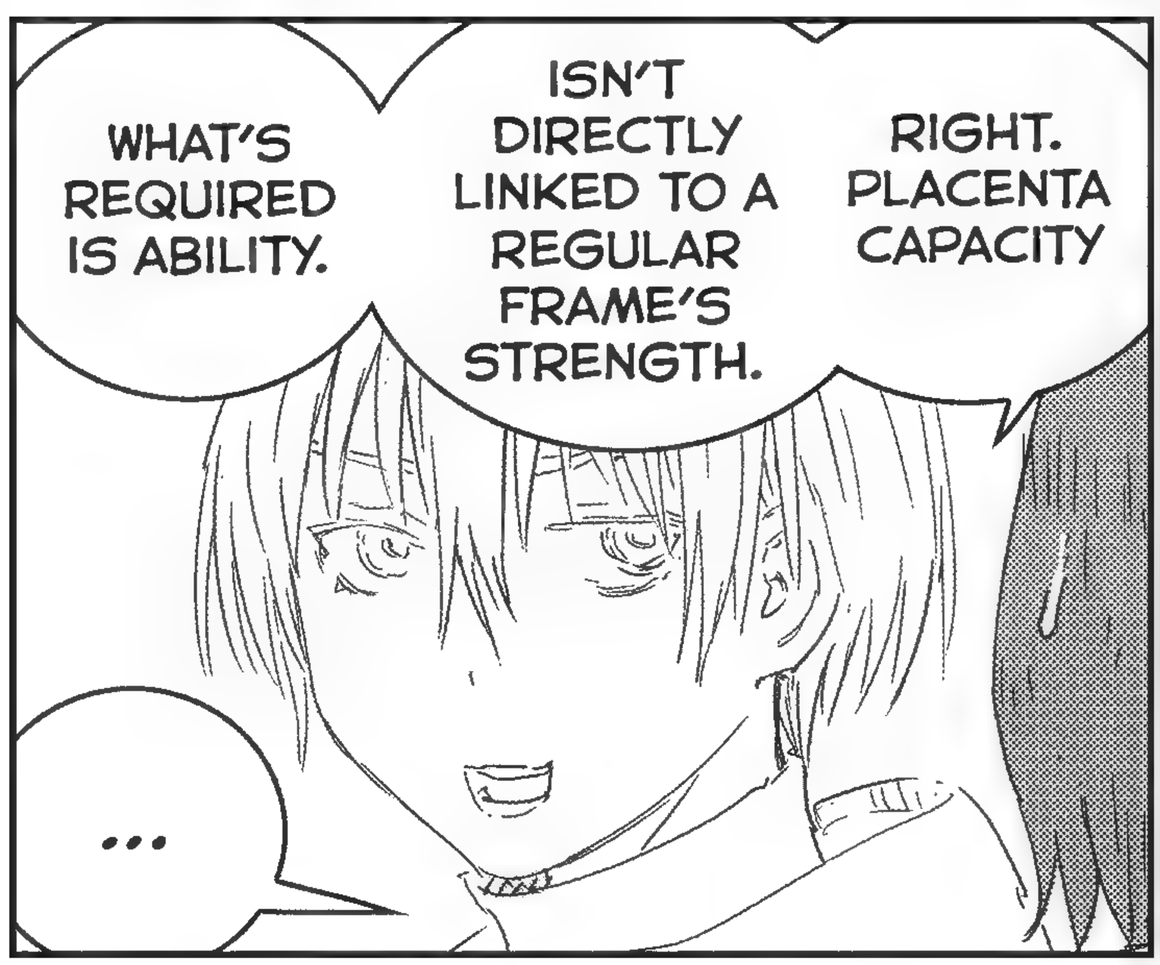
IT SEEMS THAT
MY DEVELOP-MENT HAS STOPPED.



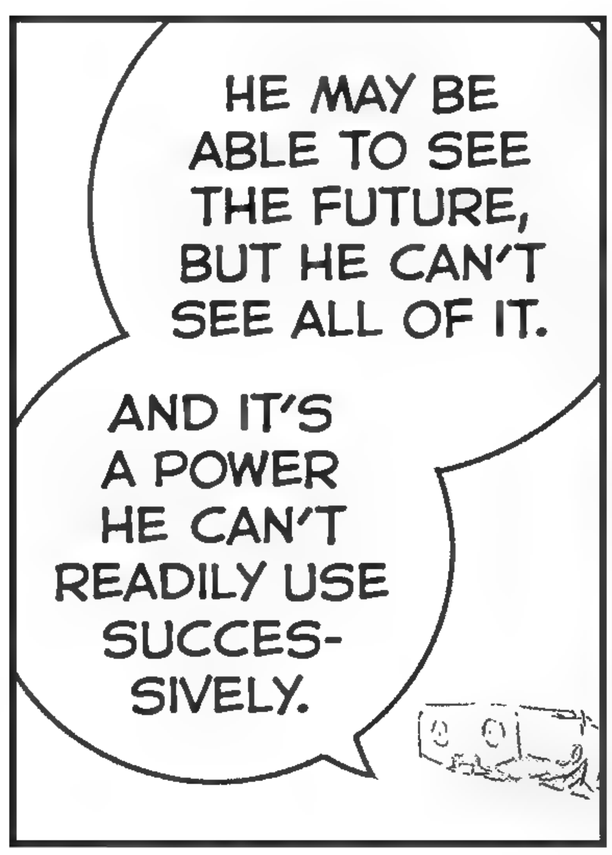

THAT'S TWENTY TIMES MORE THAN ME...
3177! INCREDIBLE!!

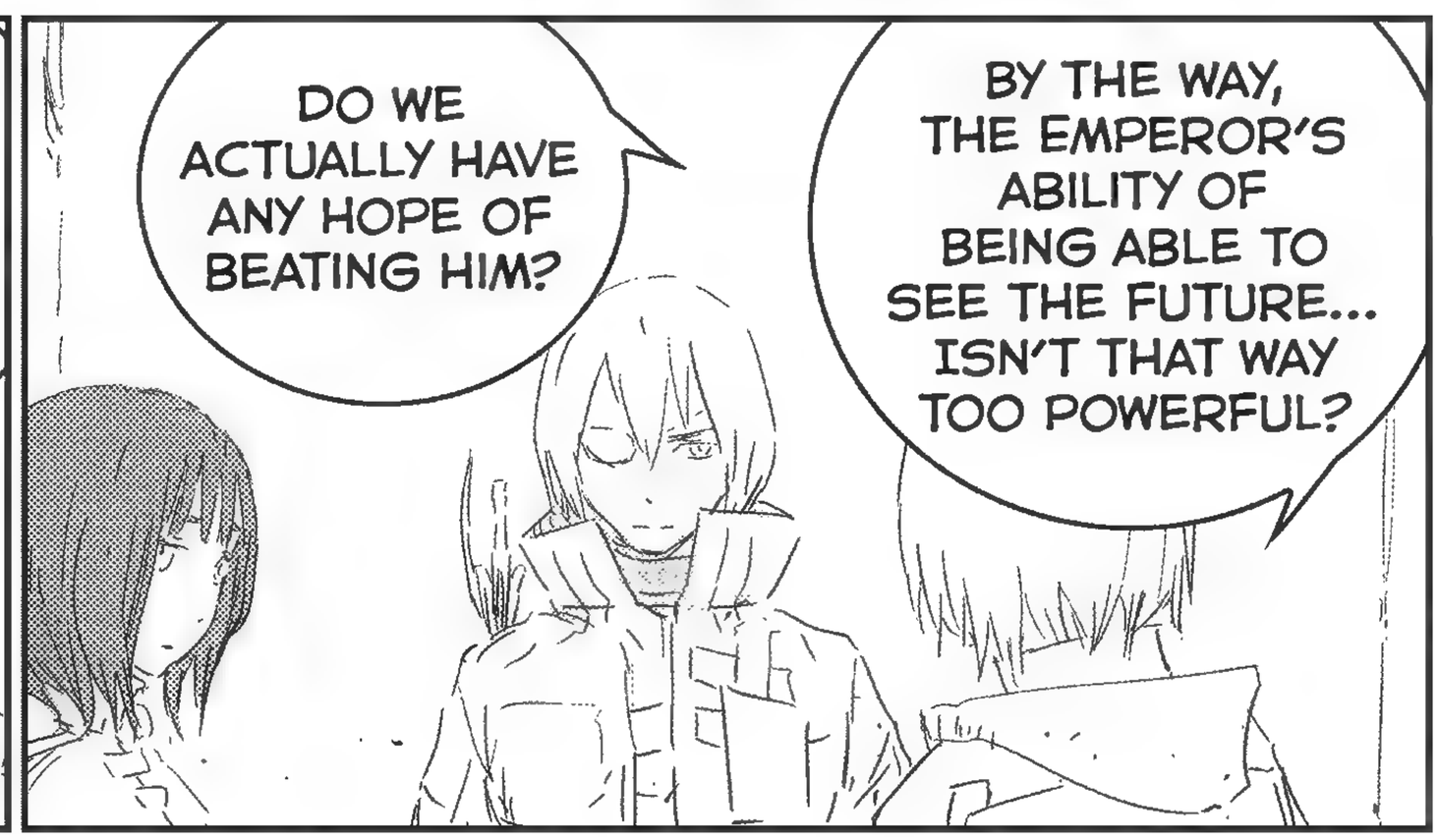
BY MY JUDGMENT,
AROUND 3177 OR SO.


WHAT NUMBER?
KEISHA, HAVE YOU HIT YOUR MAX PLACENTA CAPACITY?!

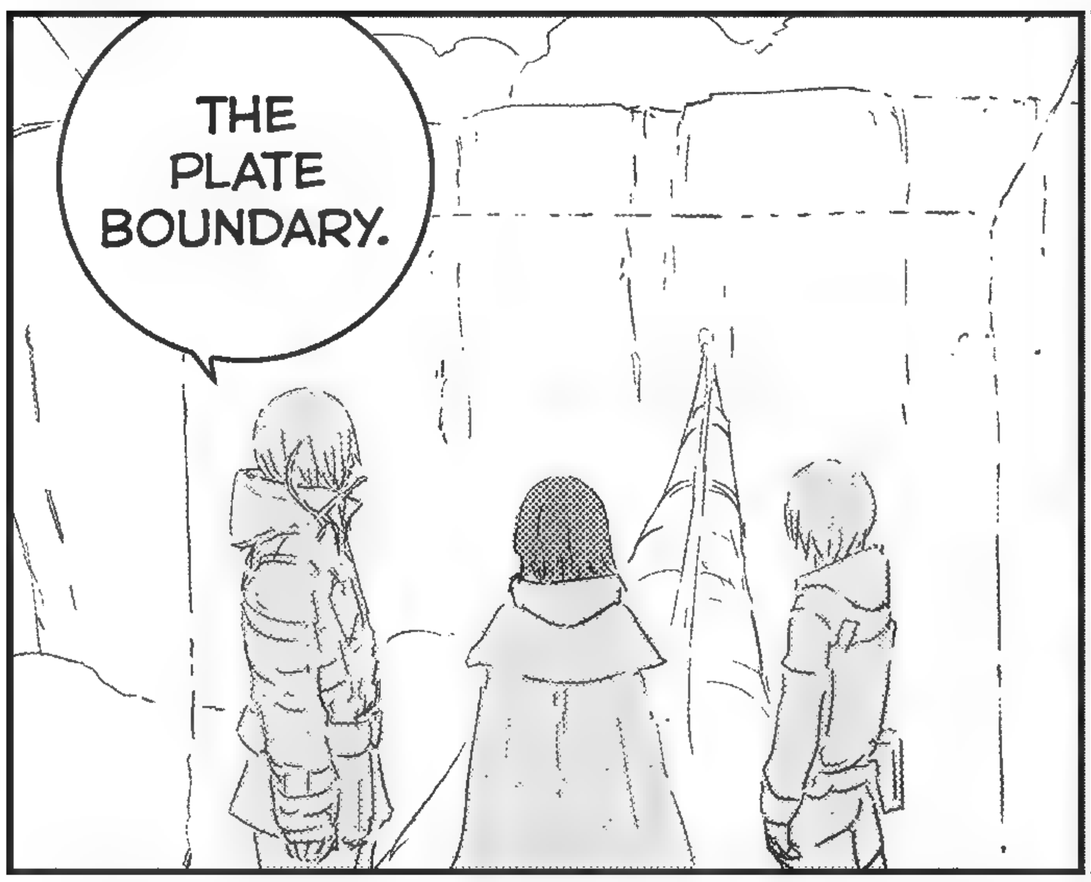

WHAT'S REQUIRED IS ABILITY.
ISN'T DIRECTLY LINKED TO A REGULAR FRAME'S STRENGTH.
RIGHT. PLACENTA CAPACITY
...

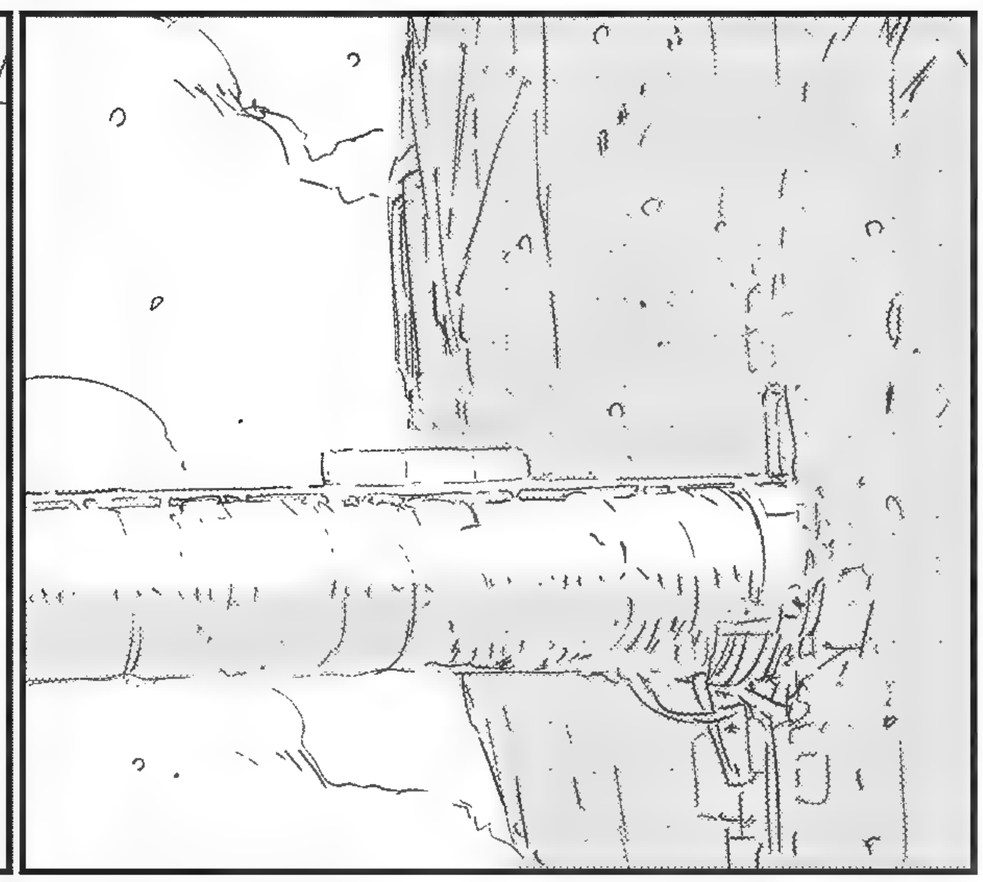
NO... IT'S NO BIG DEAL.

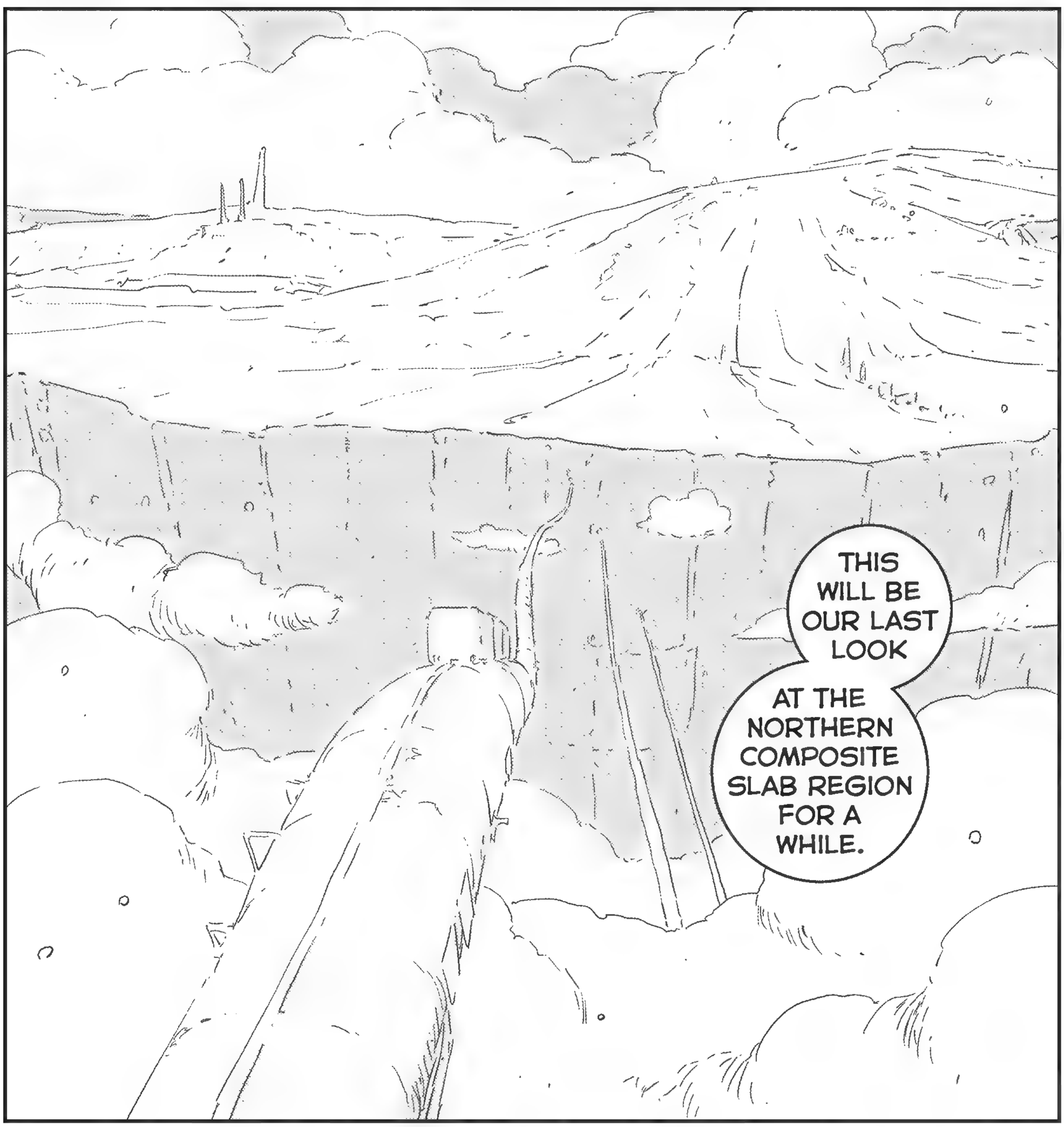

HE MAY BE ABLE TO SEE THE FUTURE, BUT HE CAN'T SEE ALL OF IT.
AND IT'S A POWER HE CAN'T READILY USE SUCCESSIVELY.


DO WE ACTUALLY HAVE ANY HOPE OF BEATING HIM?
BY THE WAY, THE EMPEROR'S ABILITY OF BEING ABLE TO SEE THE FUTURE... ISN'T THAT WAY TOO POWERFUL?

SO HE WAS TRULY SHAKEN WHEN ETHEROW POINTED HIS EBTG AT HIM ON THE BRIDGE.
BUT THE MOMENT HE FIRED, THE FUTURE WAS CHANGED BY ETHEROW'S ABILITY.
THE EMPEROR KNEW THAT ETHEROW WAS GOING TO FIRE AN AMB FROM INSIDE THE BOX BEFORE IT HAPPENED, SO HE WAS ABLE TO EVADE IT,
SO IF ETHEROW HAD FIRED AN AMB THEN
INSTEAD OF A PLACENTA BULLET, WE WOULD HAVE DEFEATED THE EMPEROR?
...
IN THAT INSTANT, THE EMPEROR HAD NO WAY TO DEAL WITH AN AMB!
BUT AT THE TIME, HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW
OH!
THE EMPEROR EVADED THE AMB. CAN'T BE HELPED!
ETHEROW SEEMS TO BE DEEP IN REGRET ABOUT IT.
DON'T BRING IT UP.







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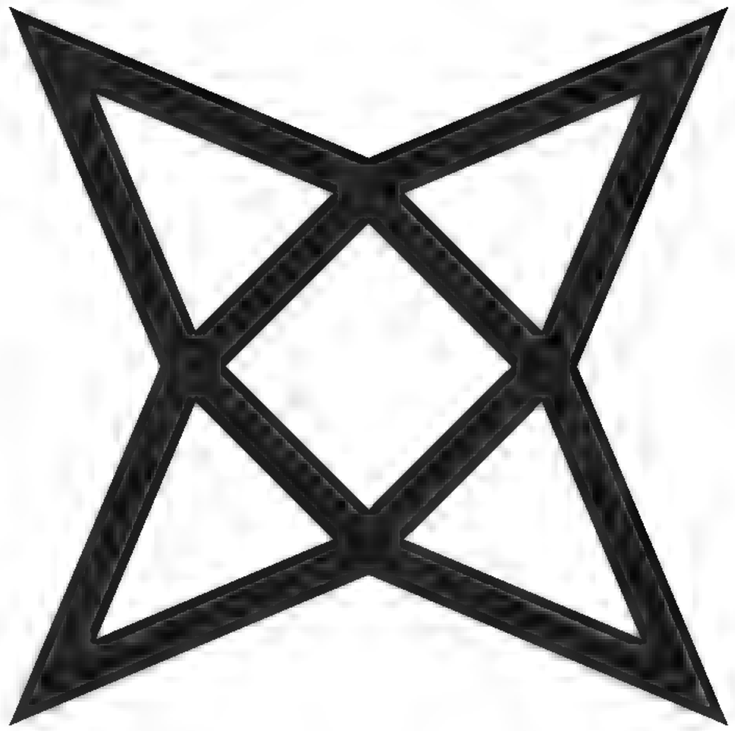
APOSIMZ



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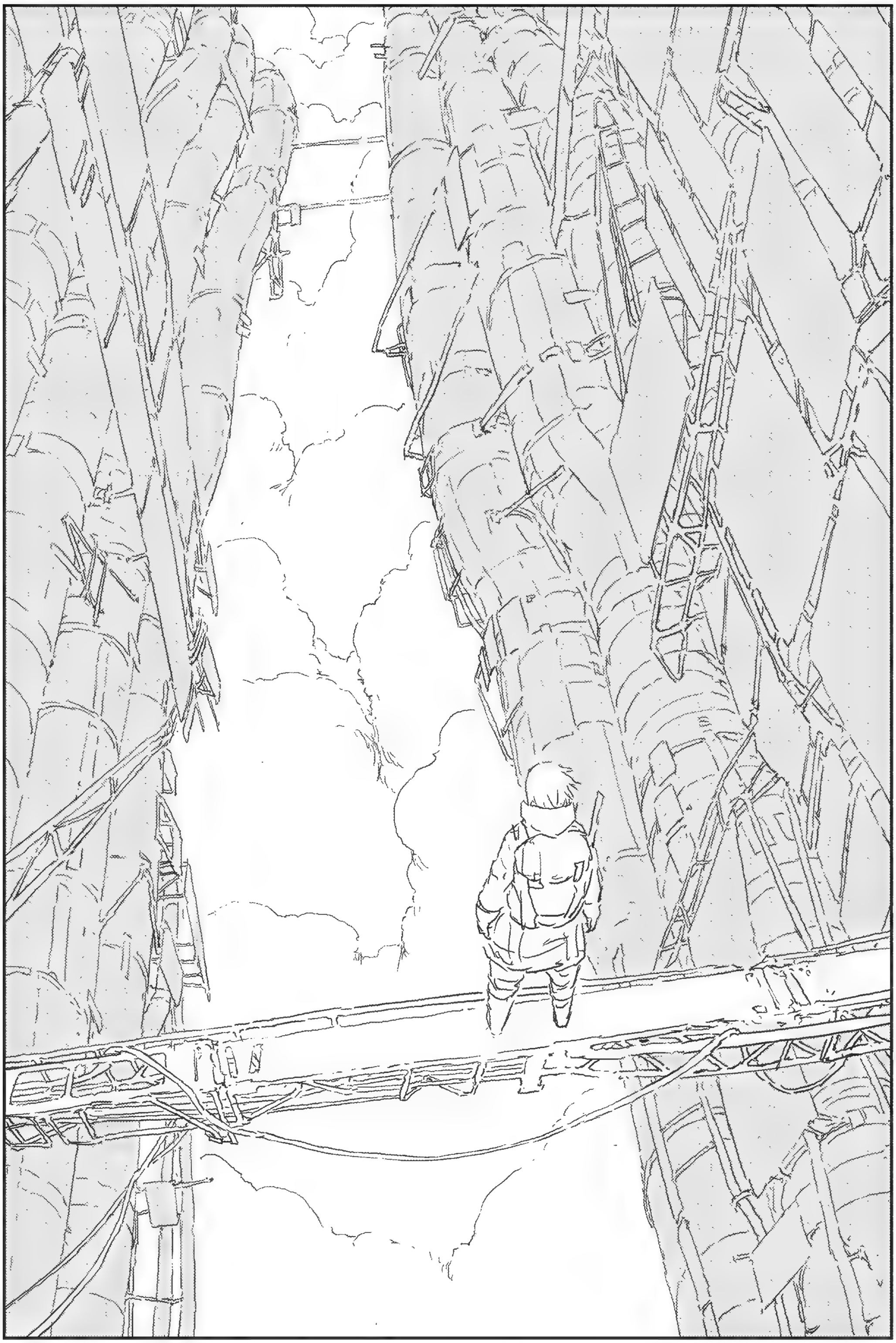
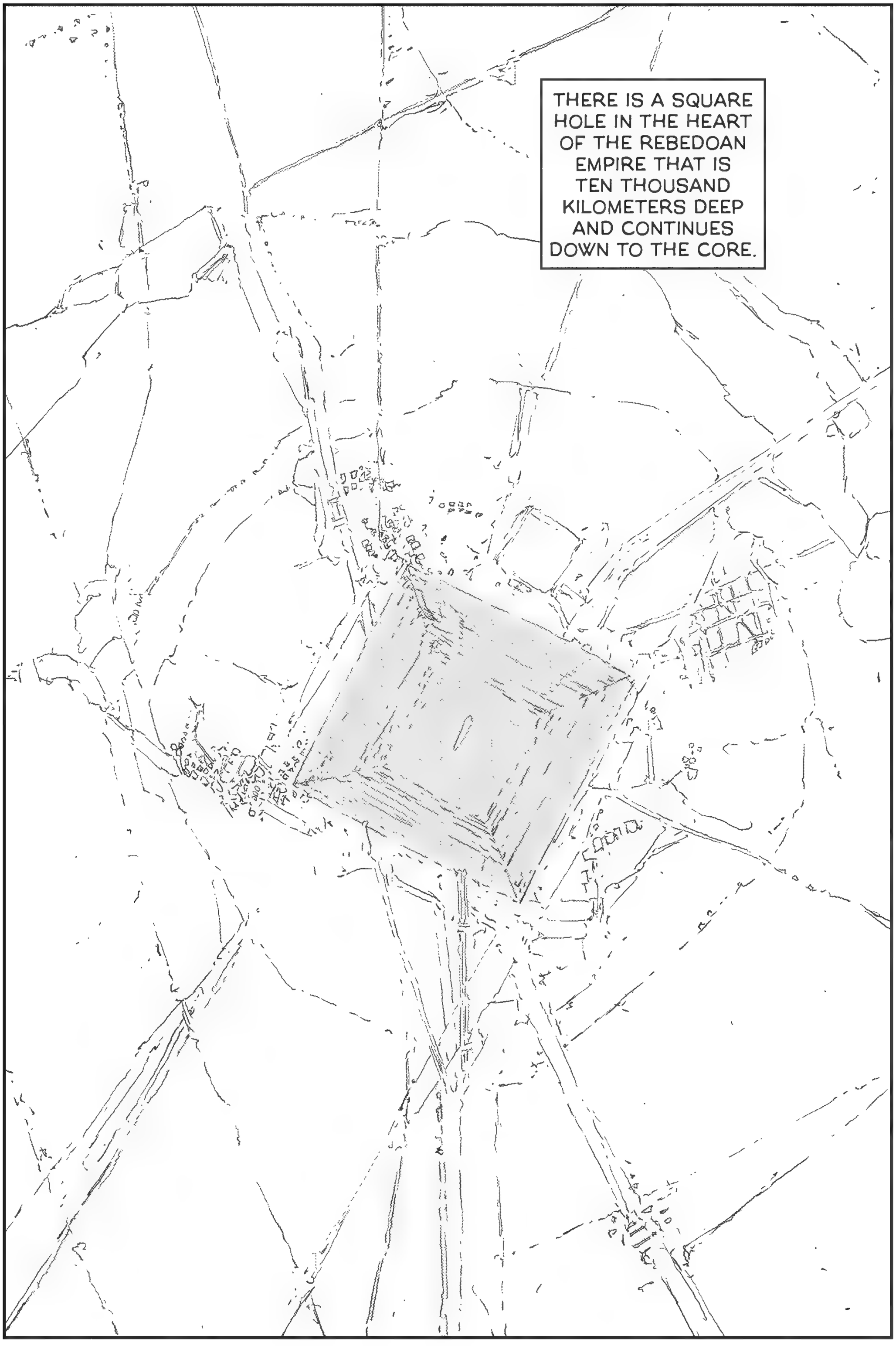
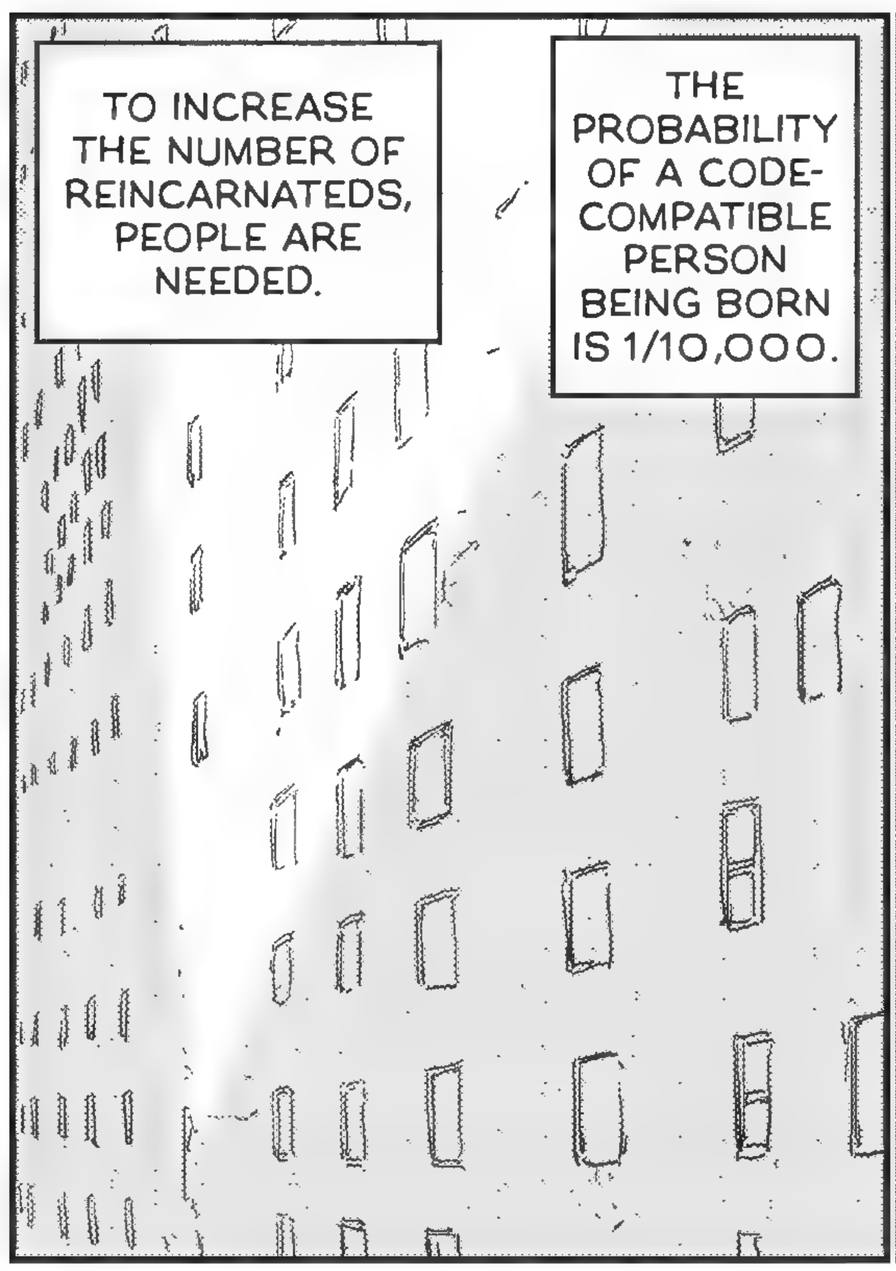
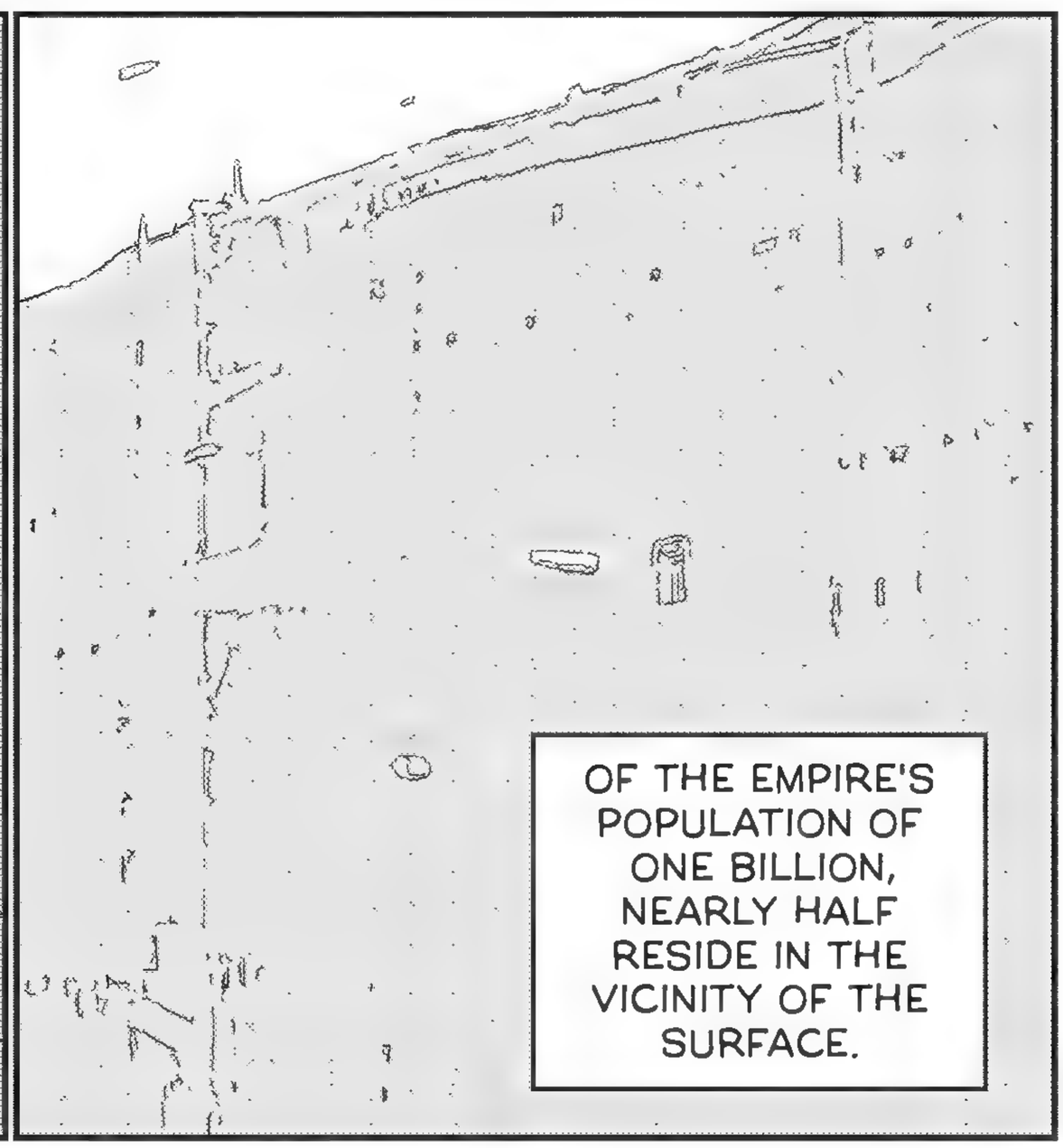
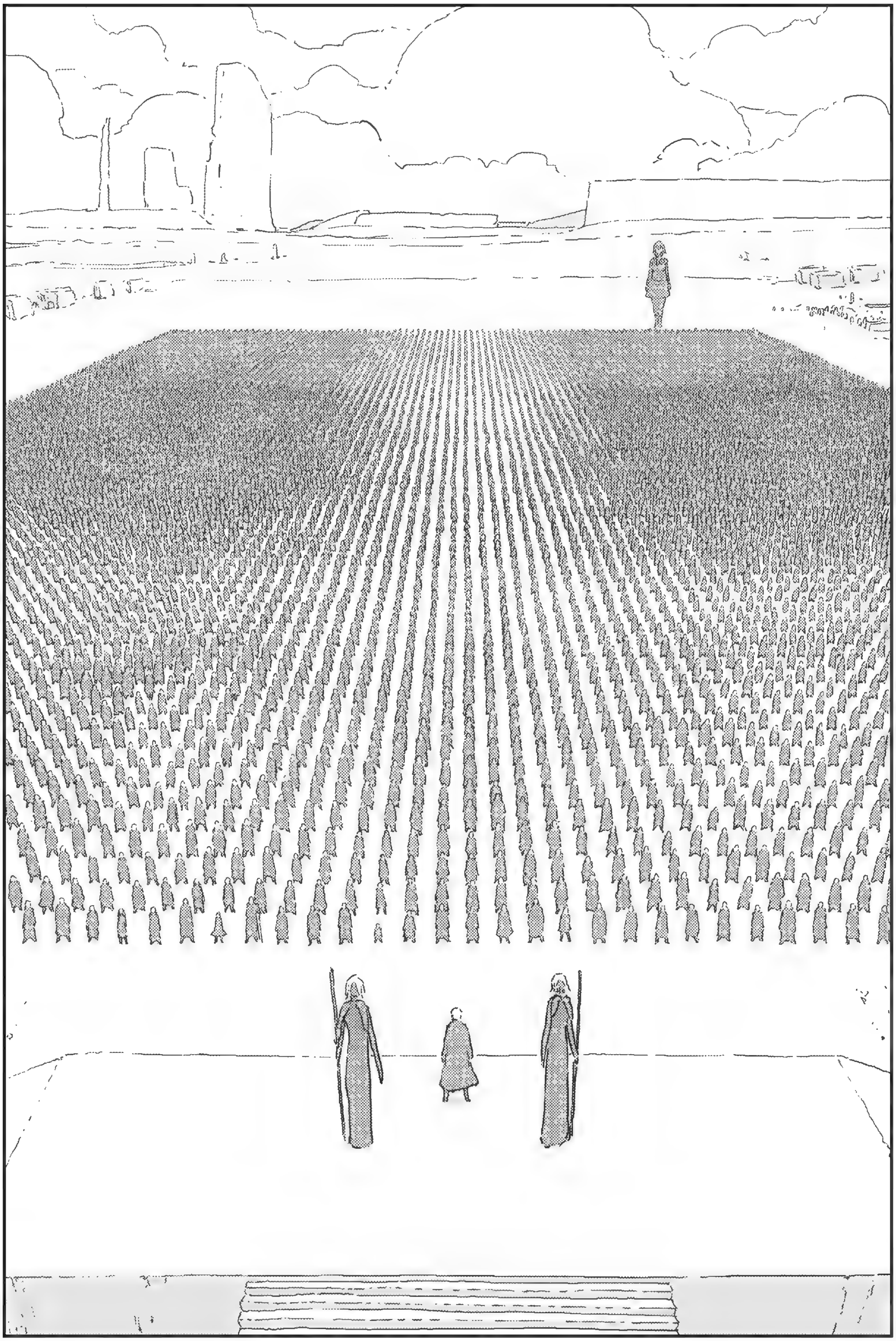



THERE IS A SQUARE HOLE IN THE HEART OF THE REBEDOAN EMPIRE THAT IS TEN THOUSAND KILOMETERS DEEP AND CONTINUES DOWN TO THE CORE.

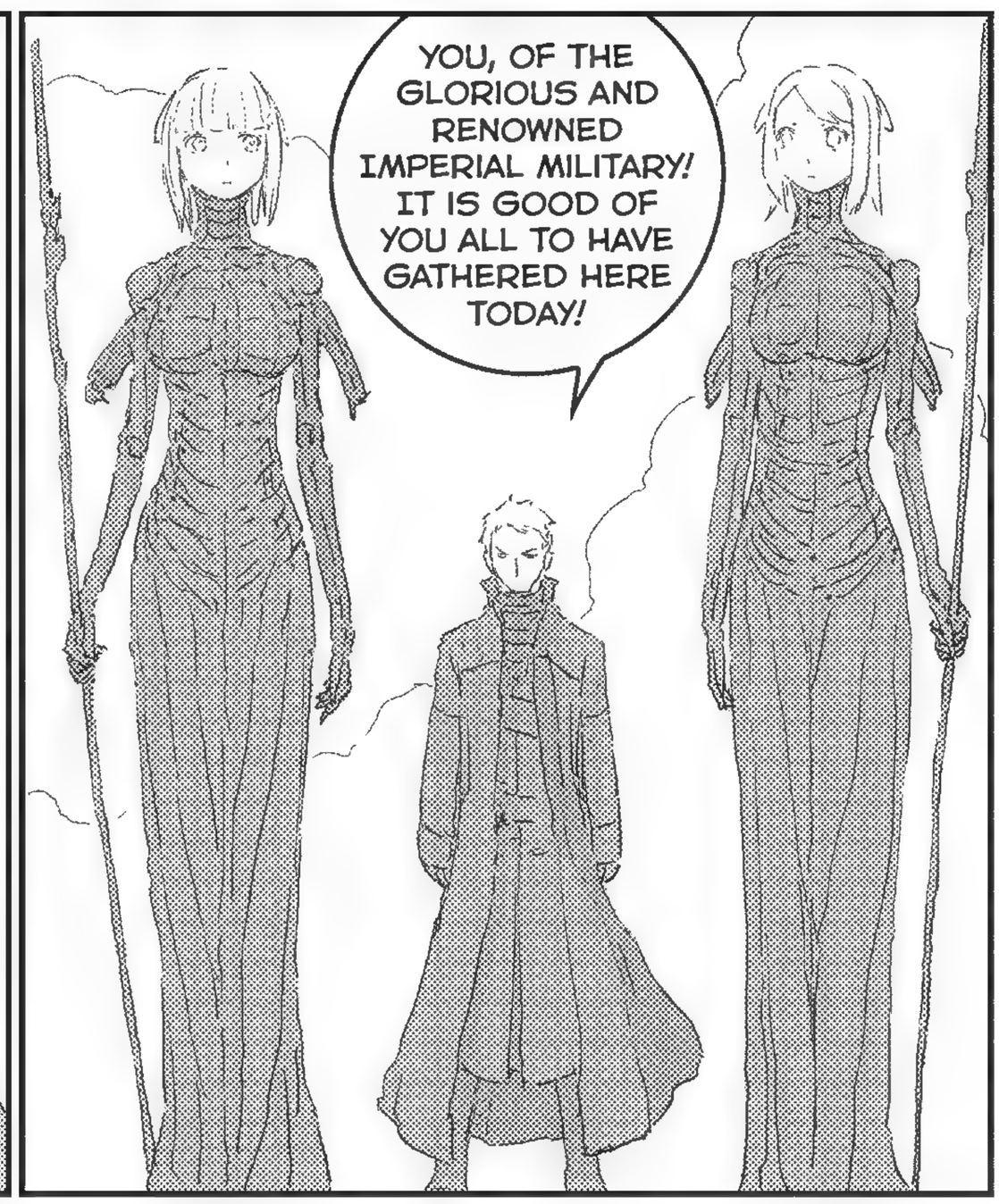
THE EMPIRE'S GEOLOGISTS BELIEVE THAT THIS OPENING WAS ORIGINALLY A GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURE OF APOSIMZ WHICH SERVED AS AN ENTRANCE AND EXIT TO THE CORE.





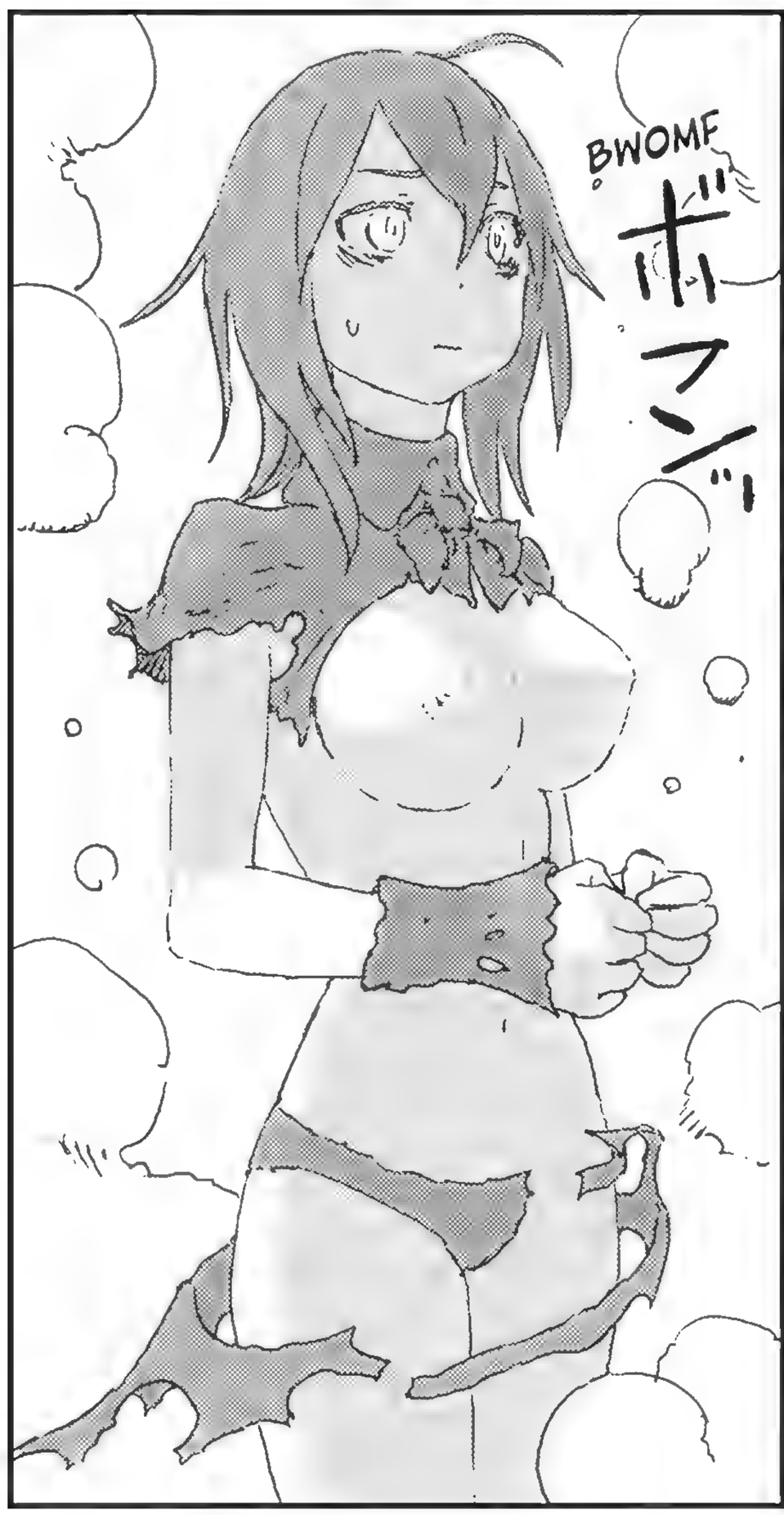


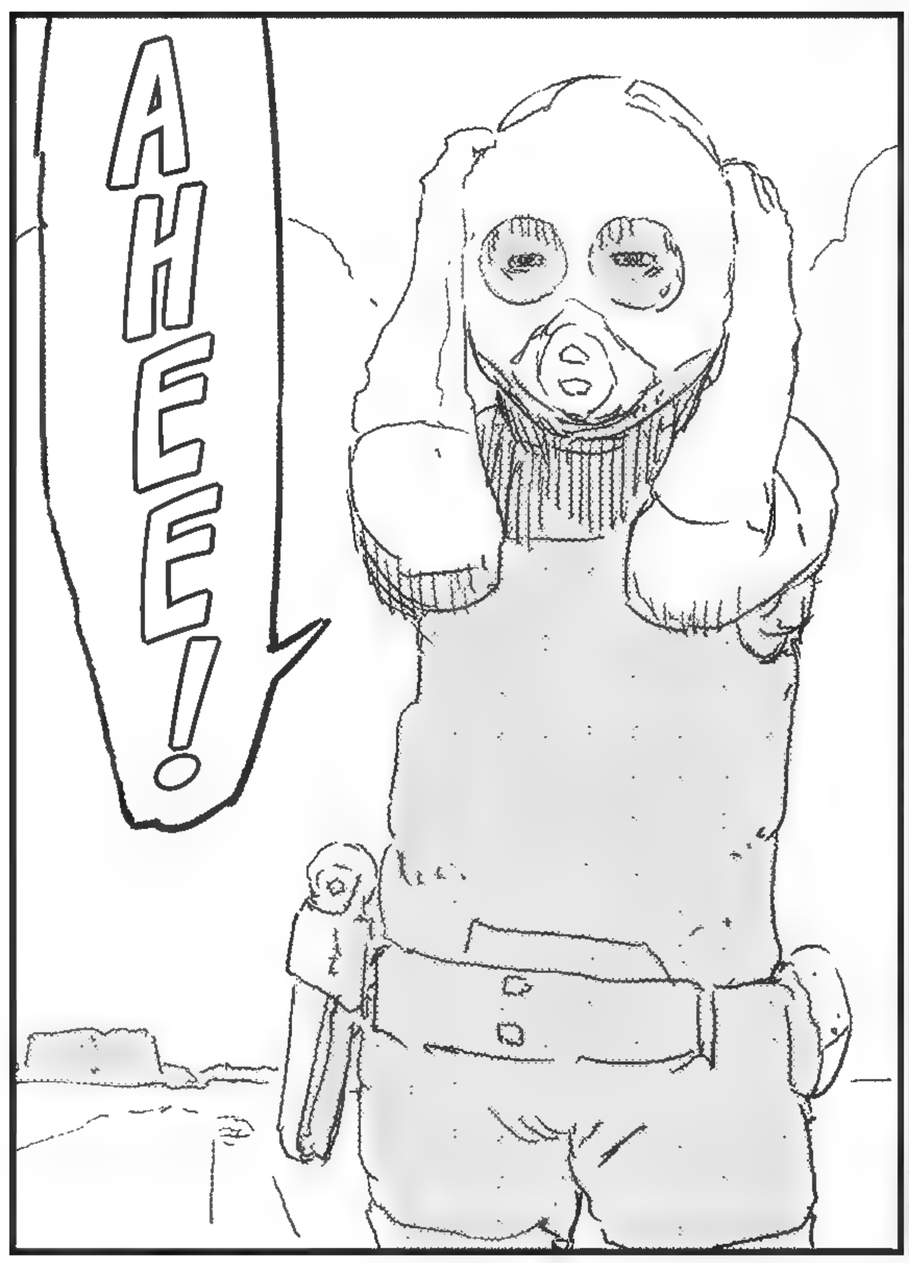
AT LONG LAST, THE REINCARNATEDS OF THE REBEDOAN EMPIRE HAVE PASSED 10,000 IN NUMBER.

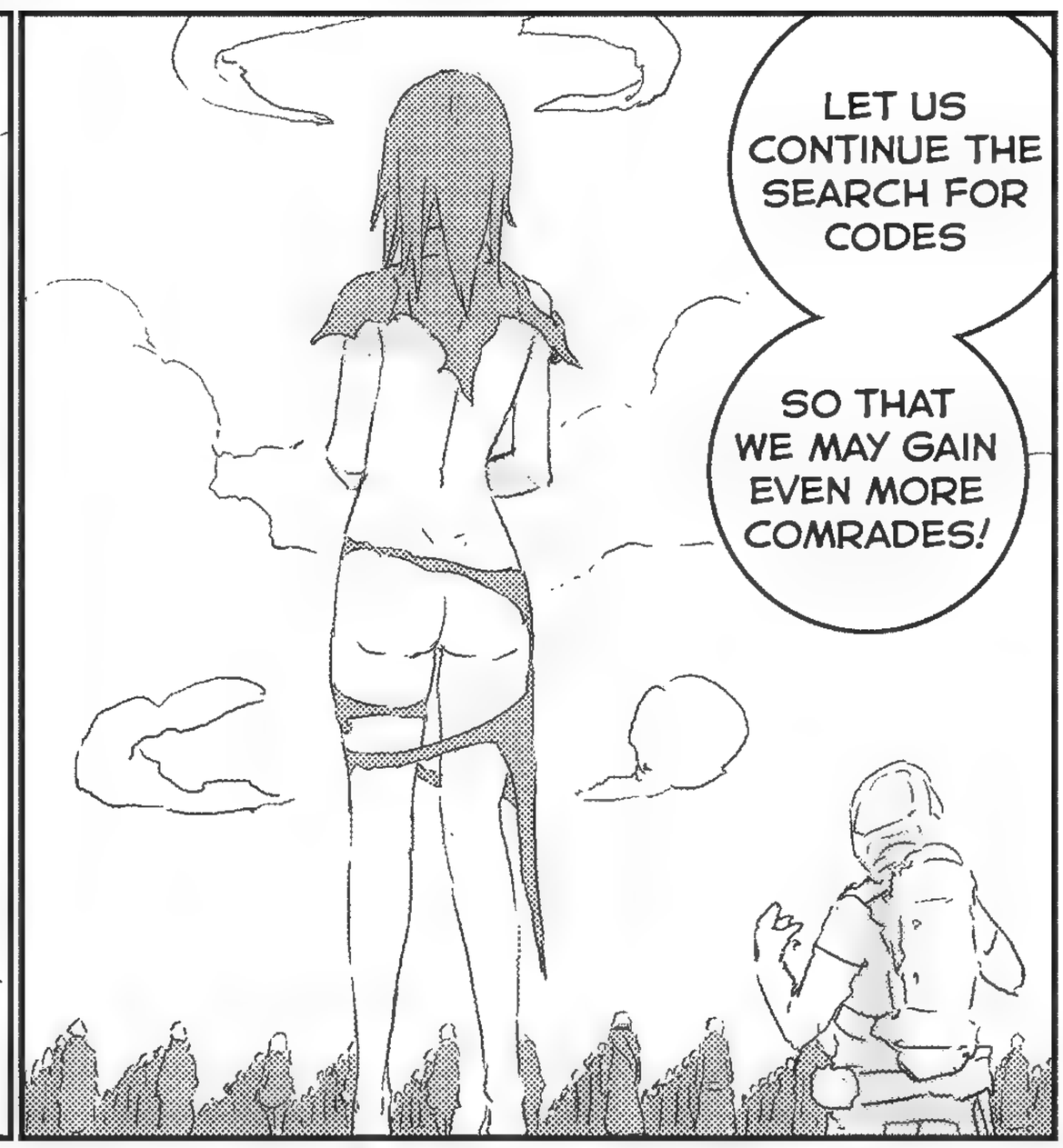

YOU, OF THE GLORIOUS AND RENOWNED IMPERIAL MILITARY! IT IS GOOD OF YOU ALL TO HAVE GATHERED HERE TODAY!

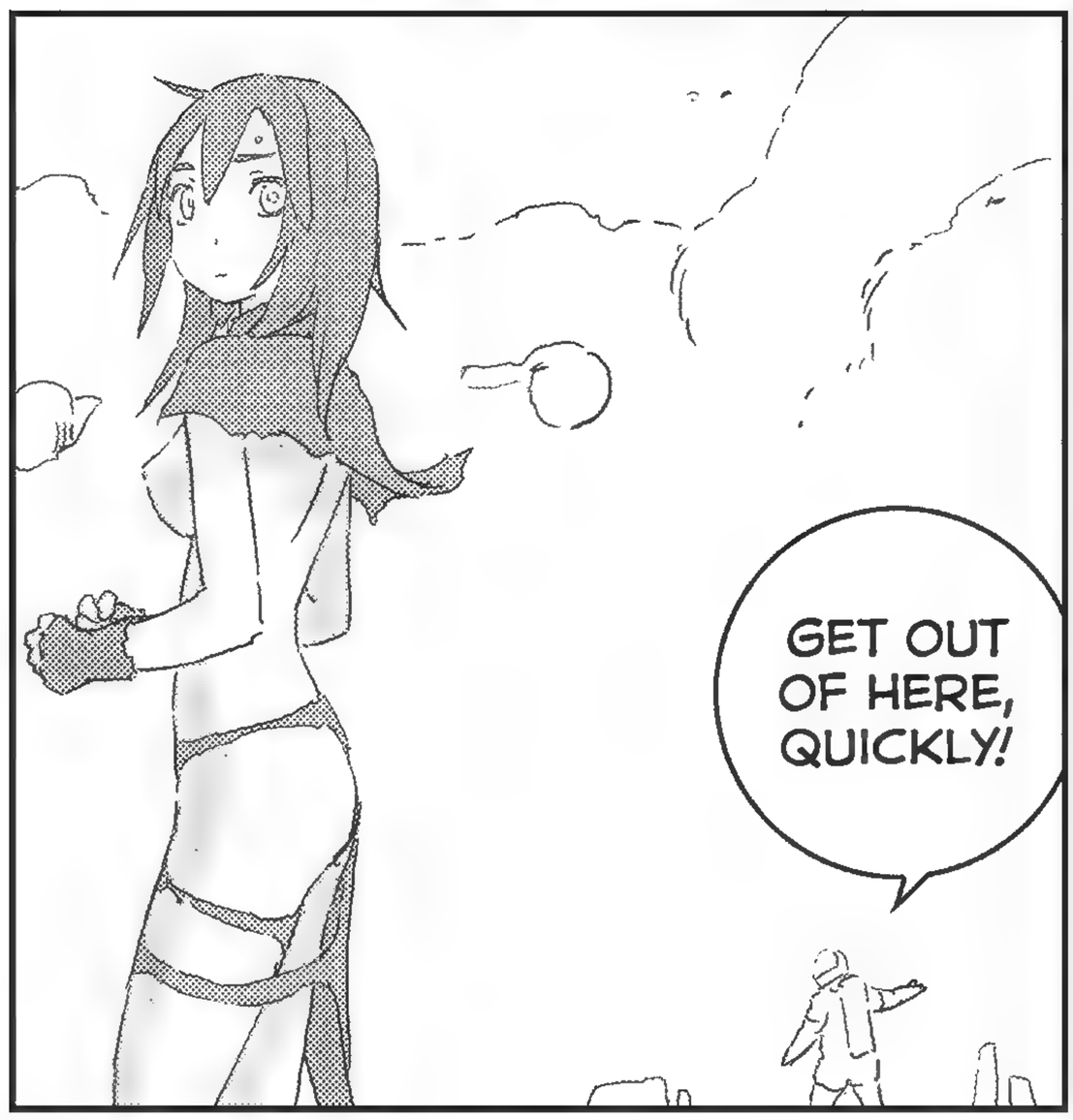
THAT AN AMASSING OF THIS MANY HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE EMPIRE

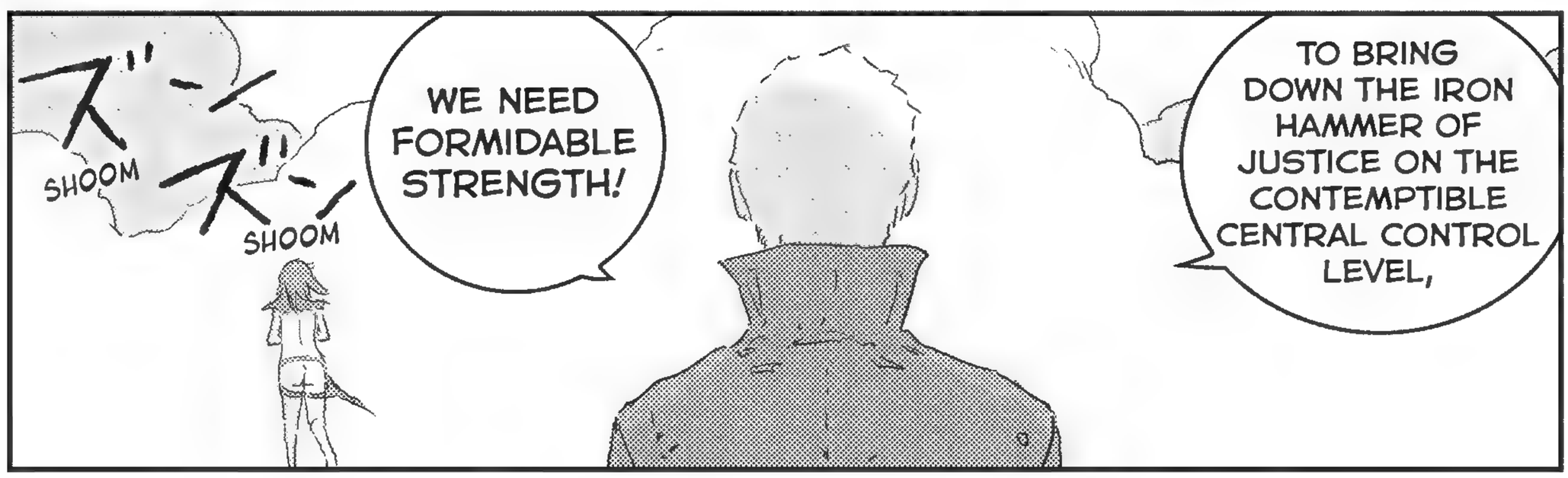



AHEE!


LET US CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR CODES
SO THAT WE MAY GAIN EVEN MORE COMRADES!


GET OUT OF HERE, QUICKLY!

AJATE!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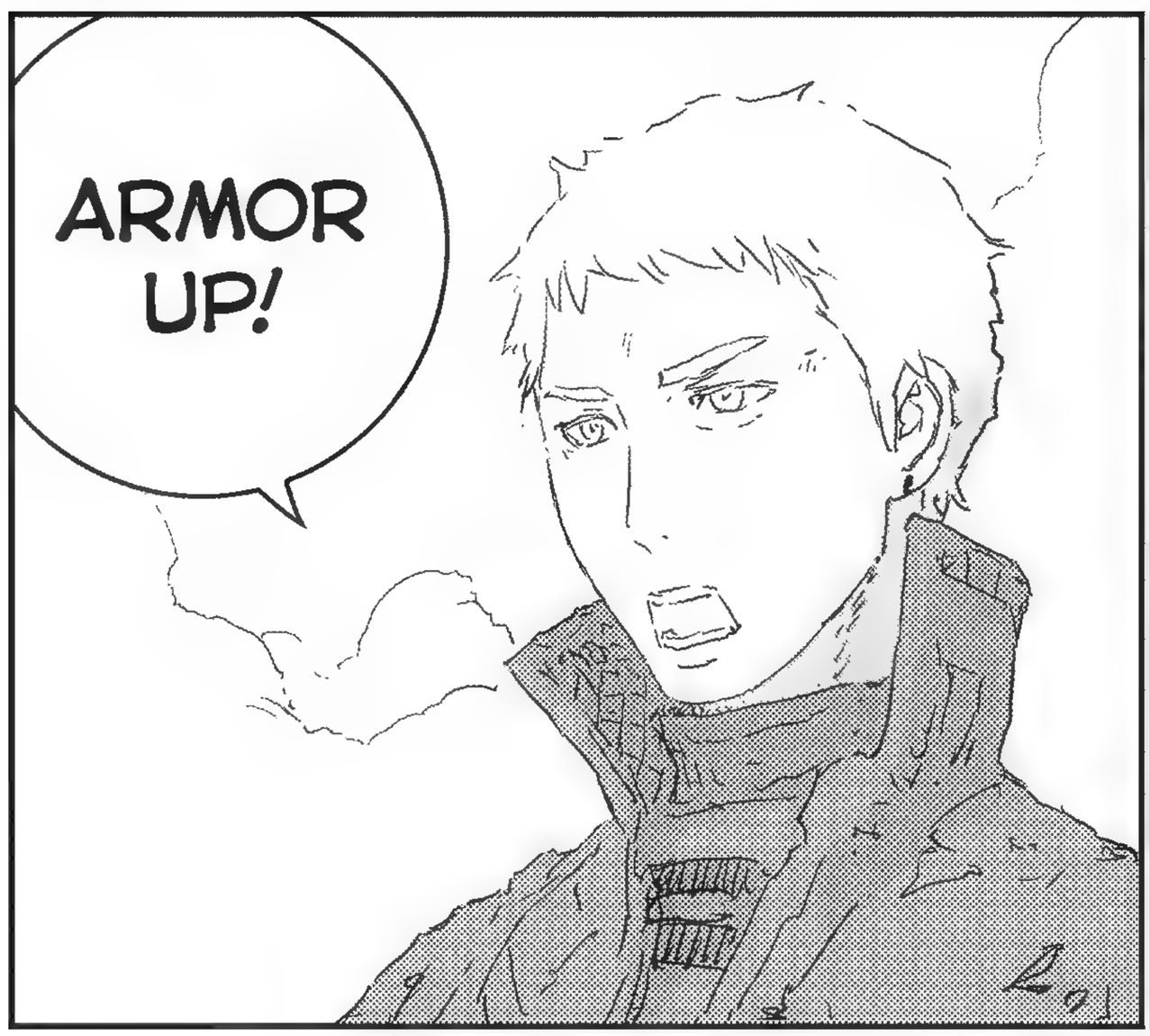
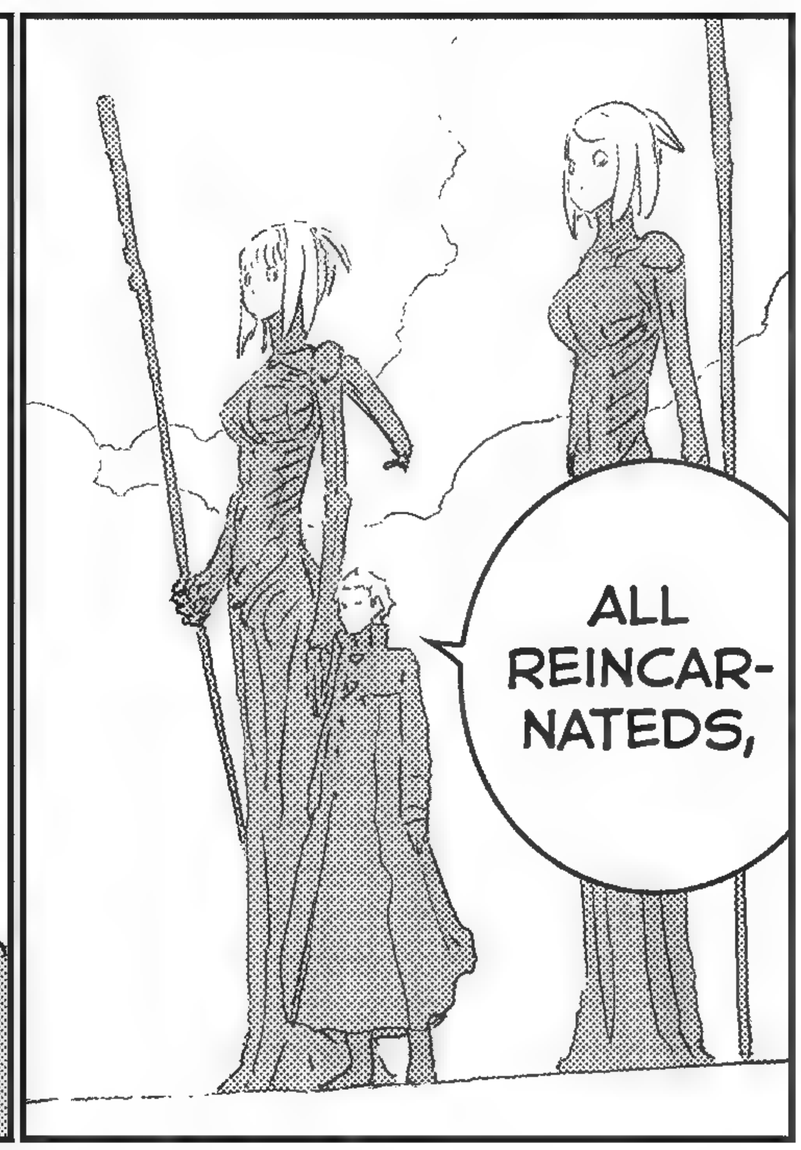
WE NEED FORMIDABLE STRENGTH!
TO BRING DOWN THE IRON HAMMER OF JUSTICE ON THE CONTEMPTIBLE CENTRAL CONTROL LEVEL,





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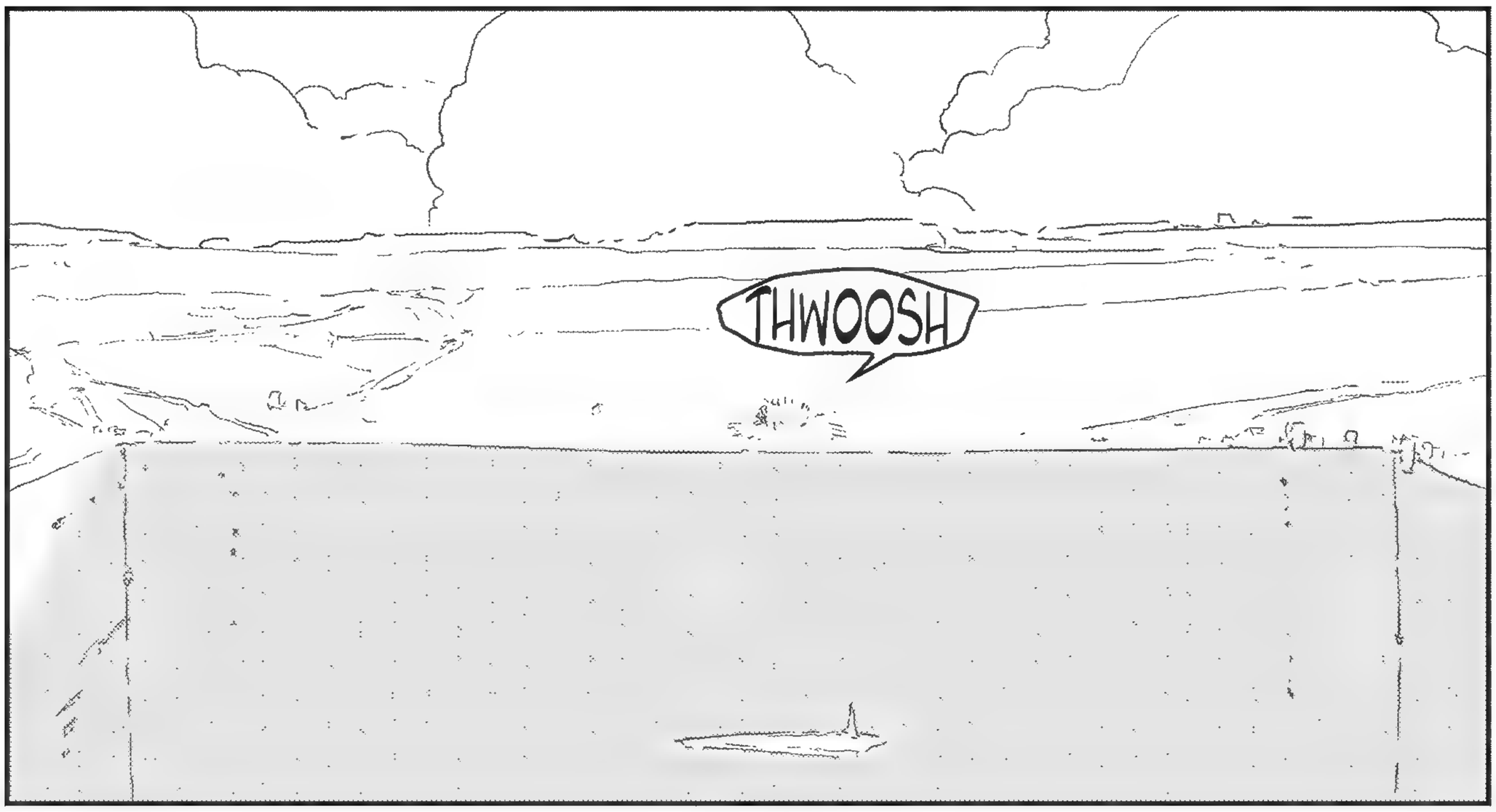
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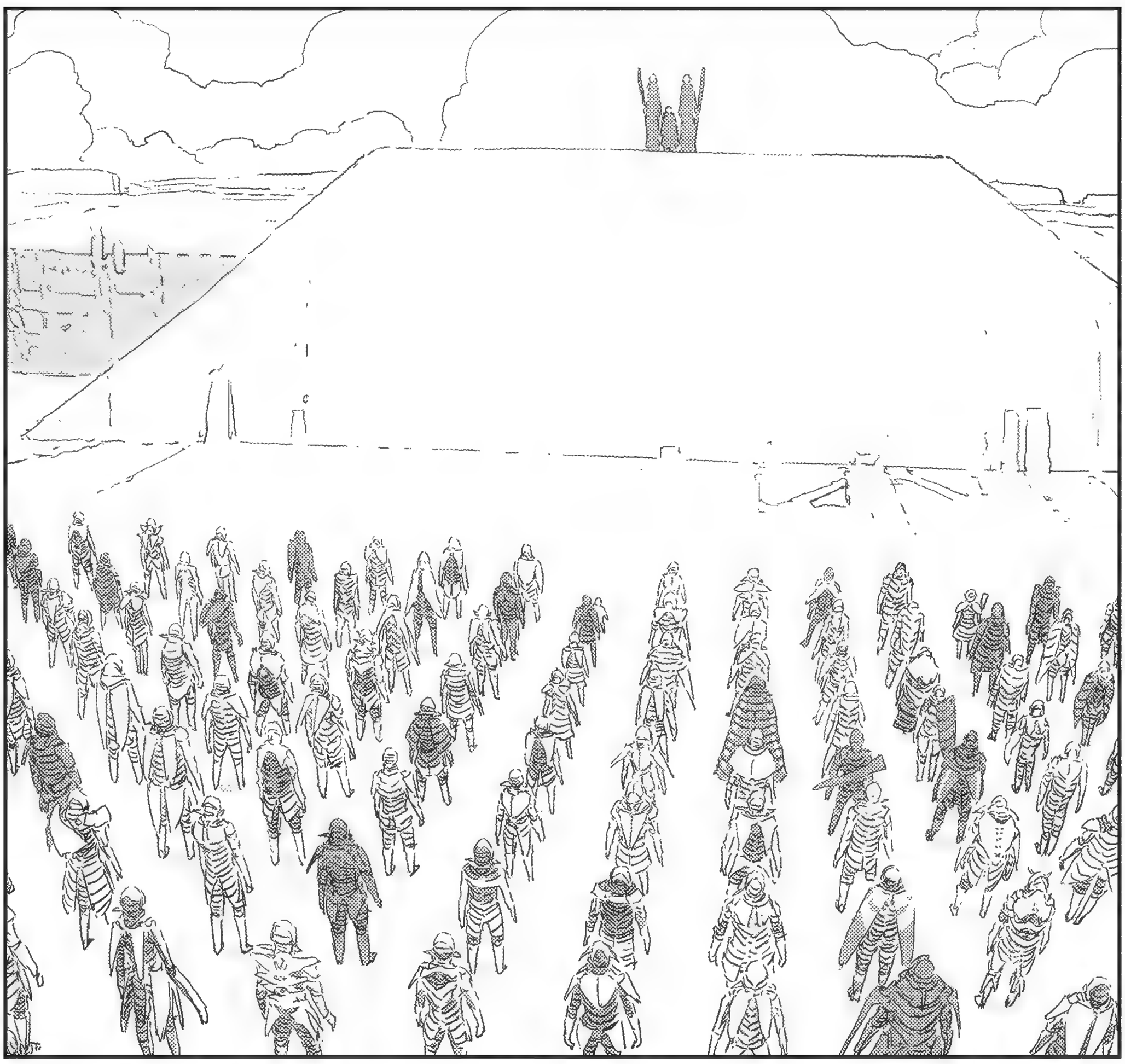
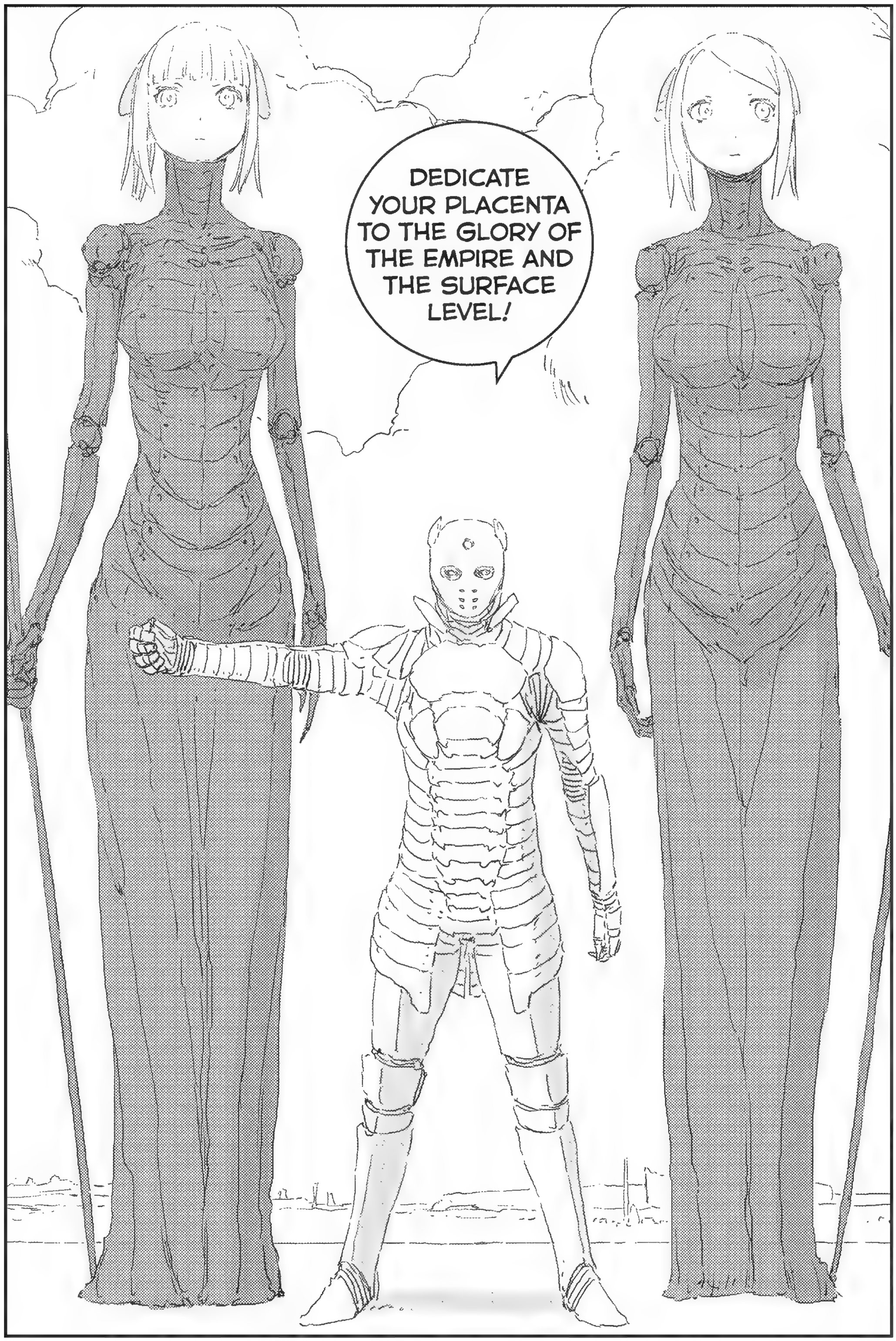
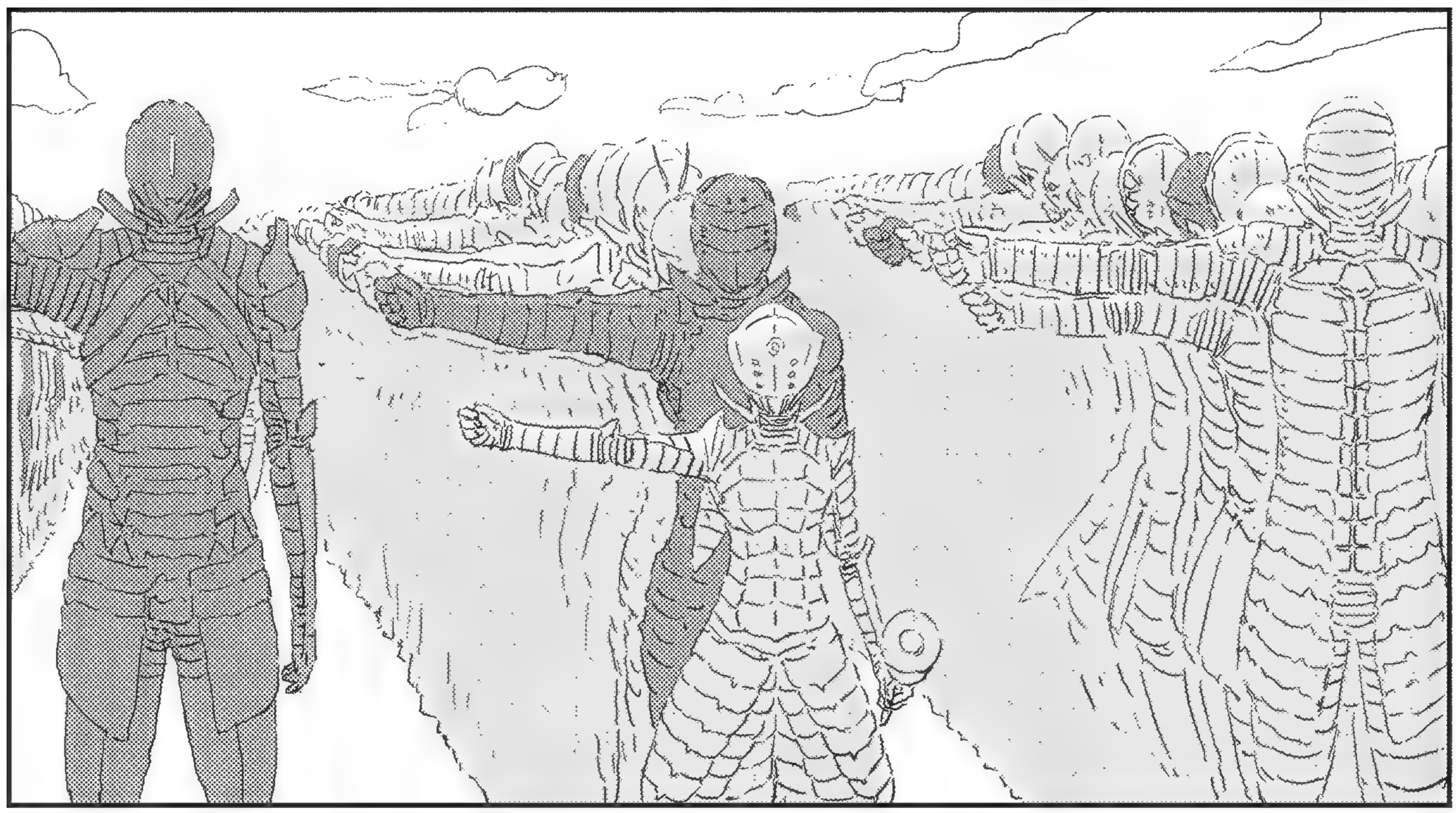
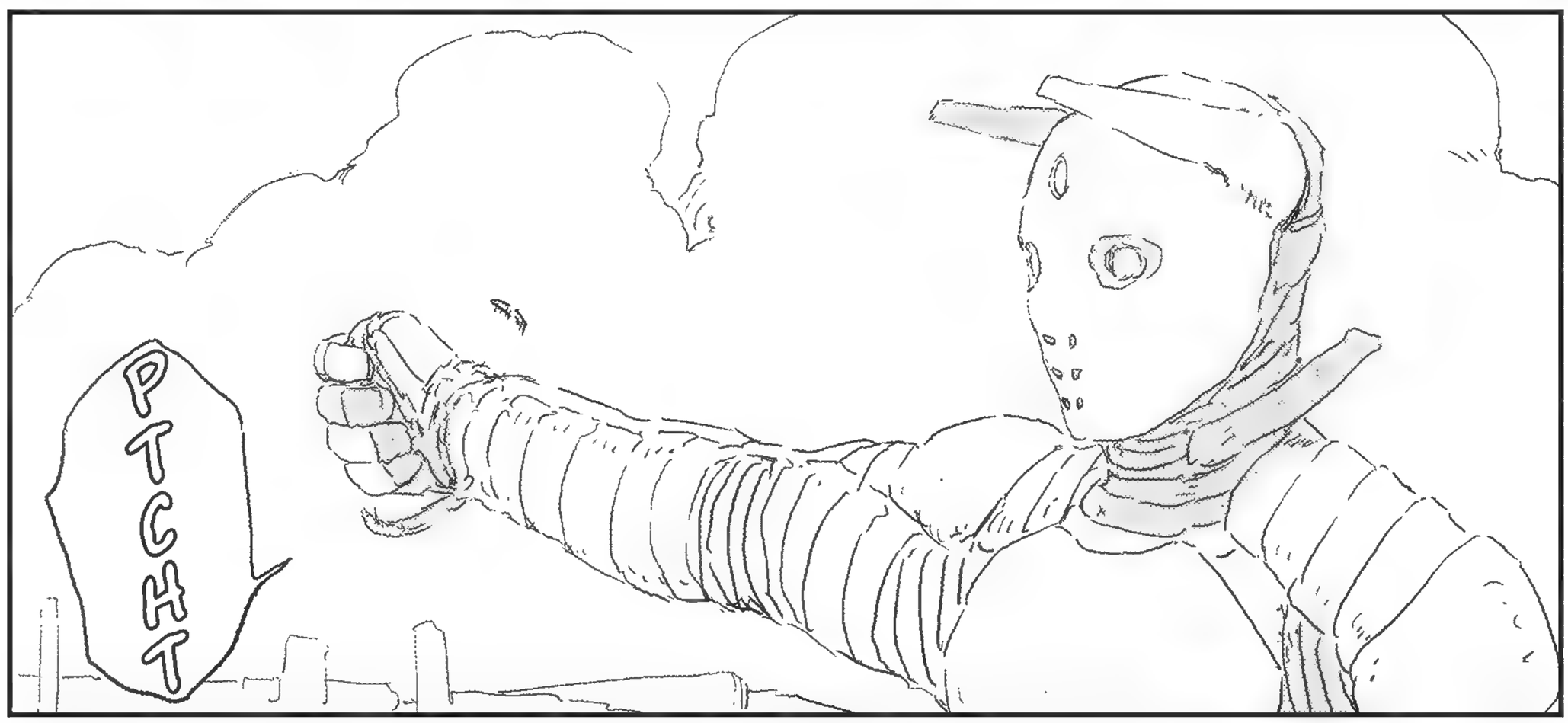



DEDICATE YOUR PLACENTA TO THE GLORY OF THE EMPIRE AND THE SURFACE LEVEL!

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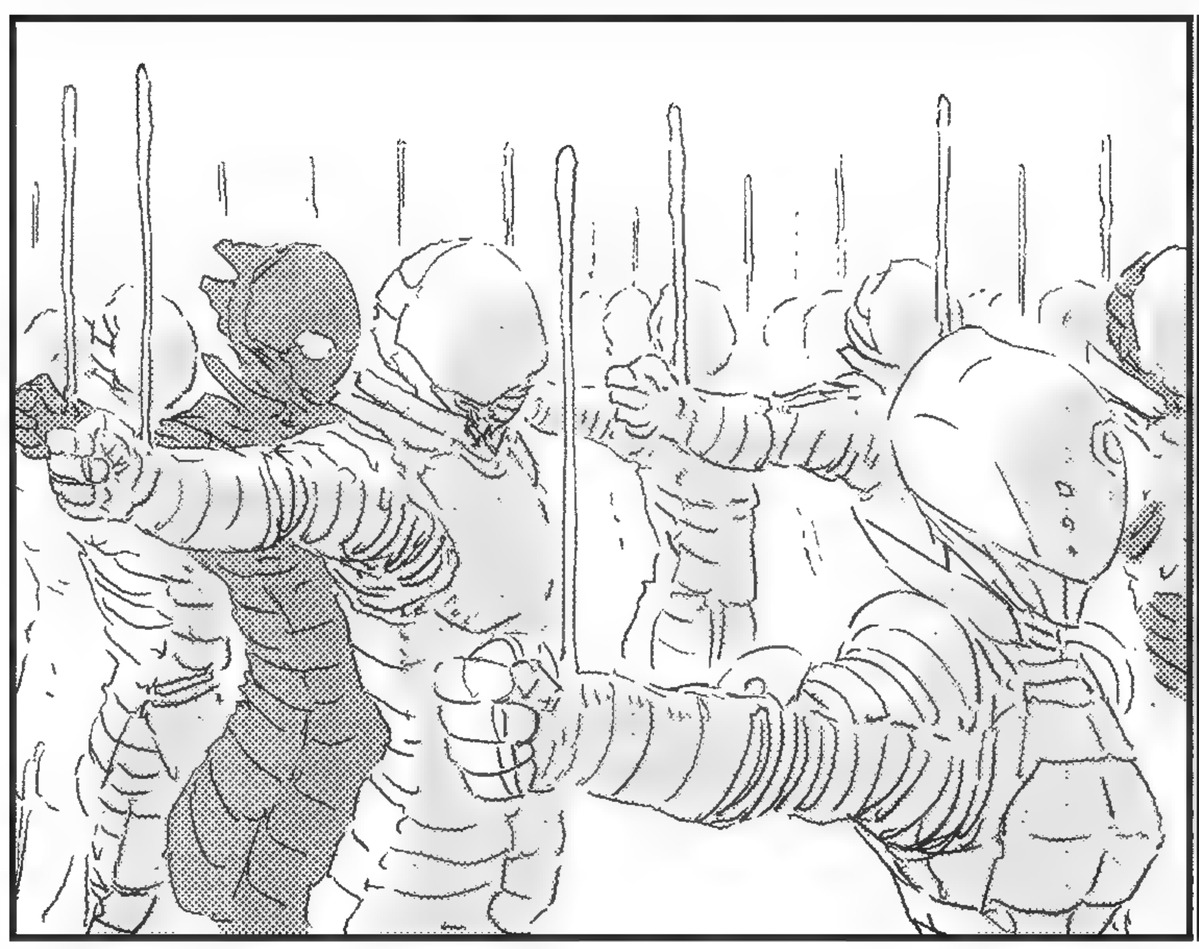

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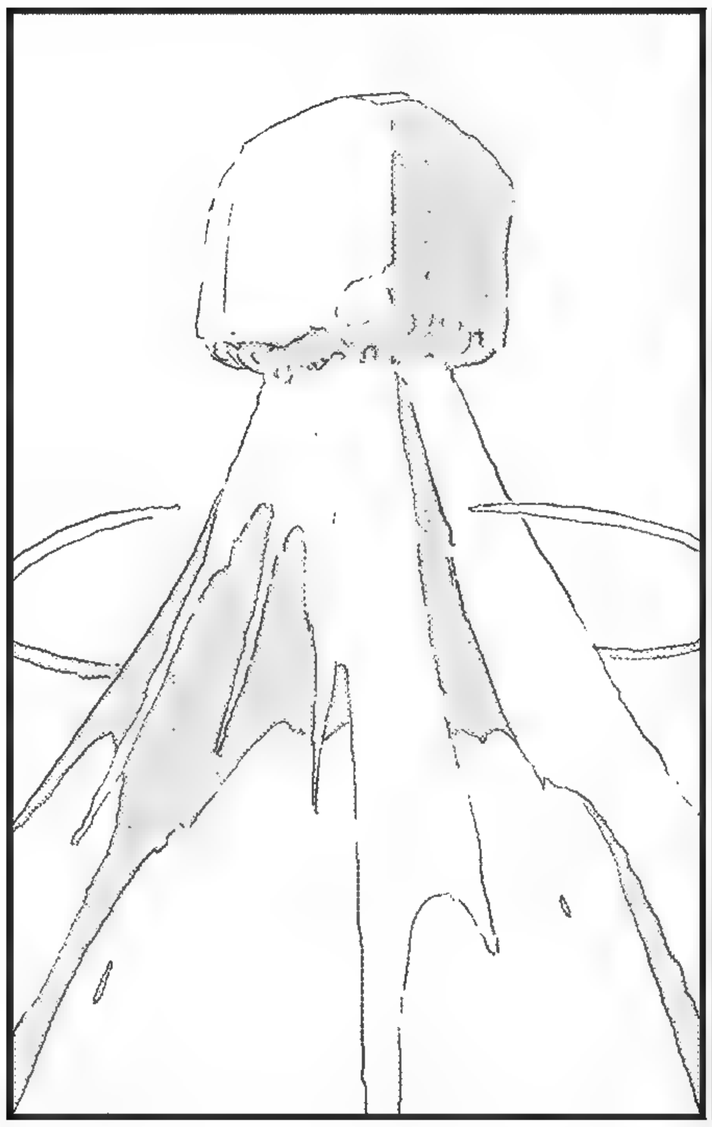
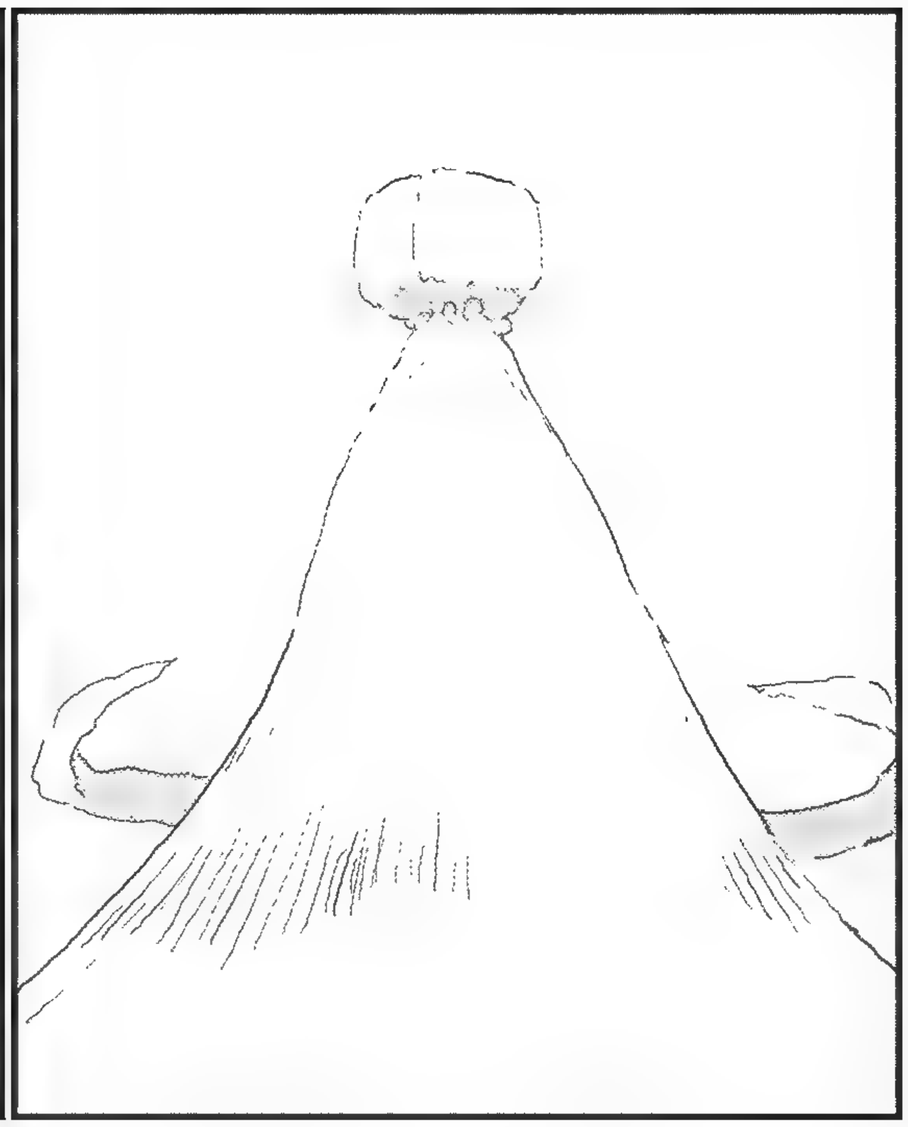
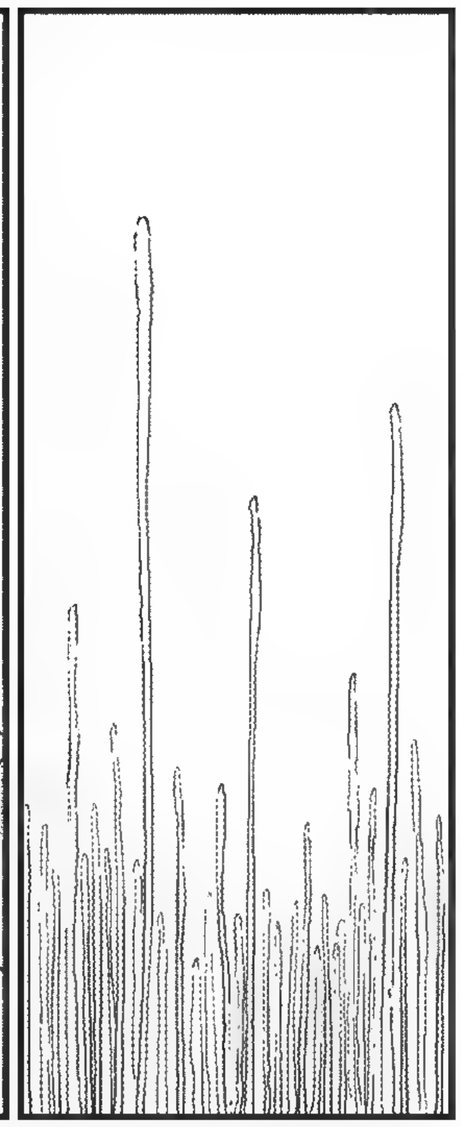
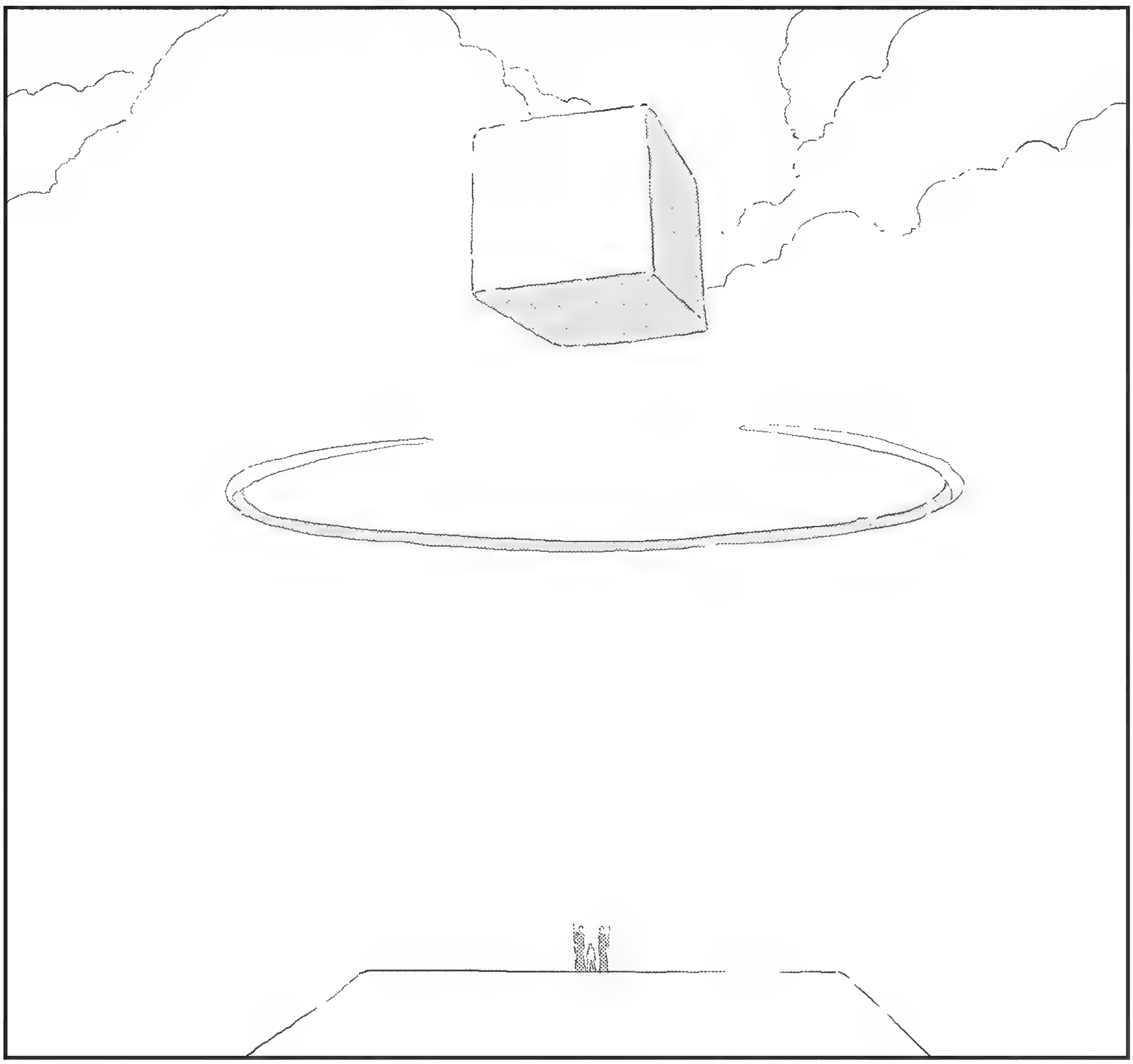








I'M SORRY, TASHITSUMA.

I GOT NERVOUS, AND MY CLOTHES MELTED OFF.

YES, TASHI-TSUMA HERE.

...

IT'S THE MILITARY AFFAIRS BUREAU.

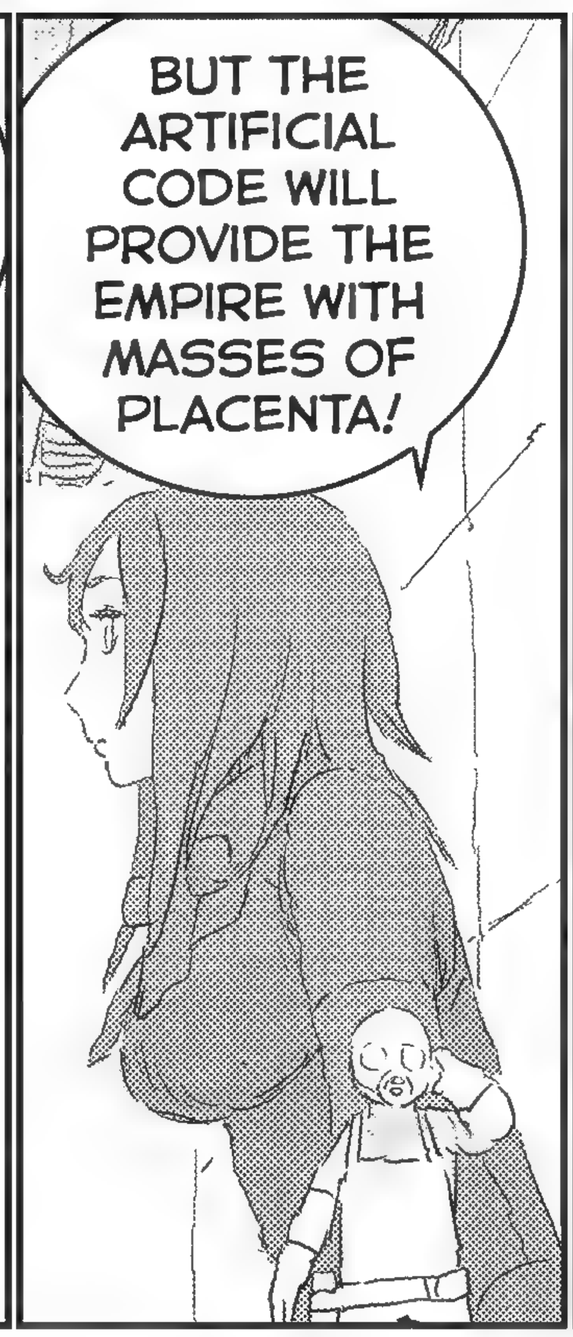
VVH

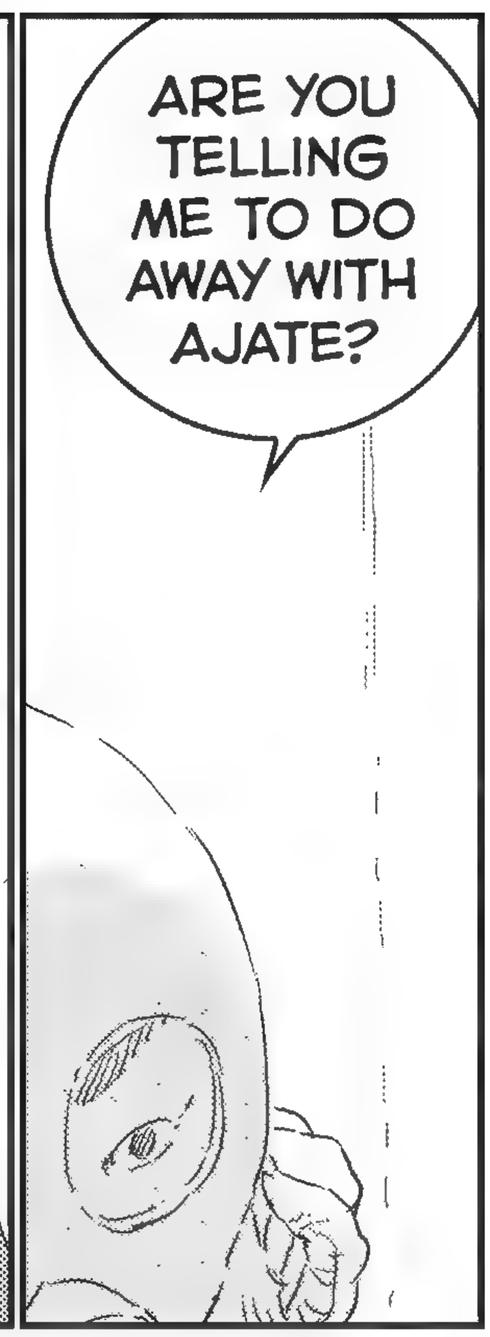
PRRRRT

YOUR PLACENTA DOESN'T REMEMBER SHAPES YET.

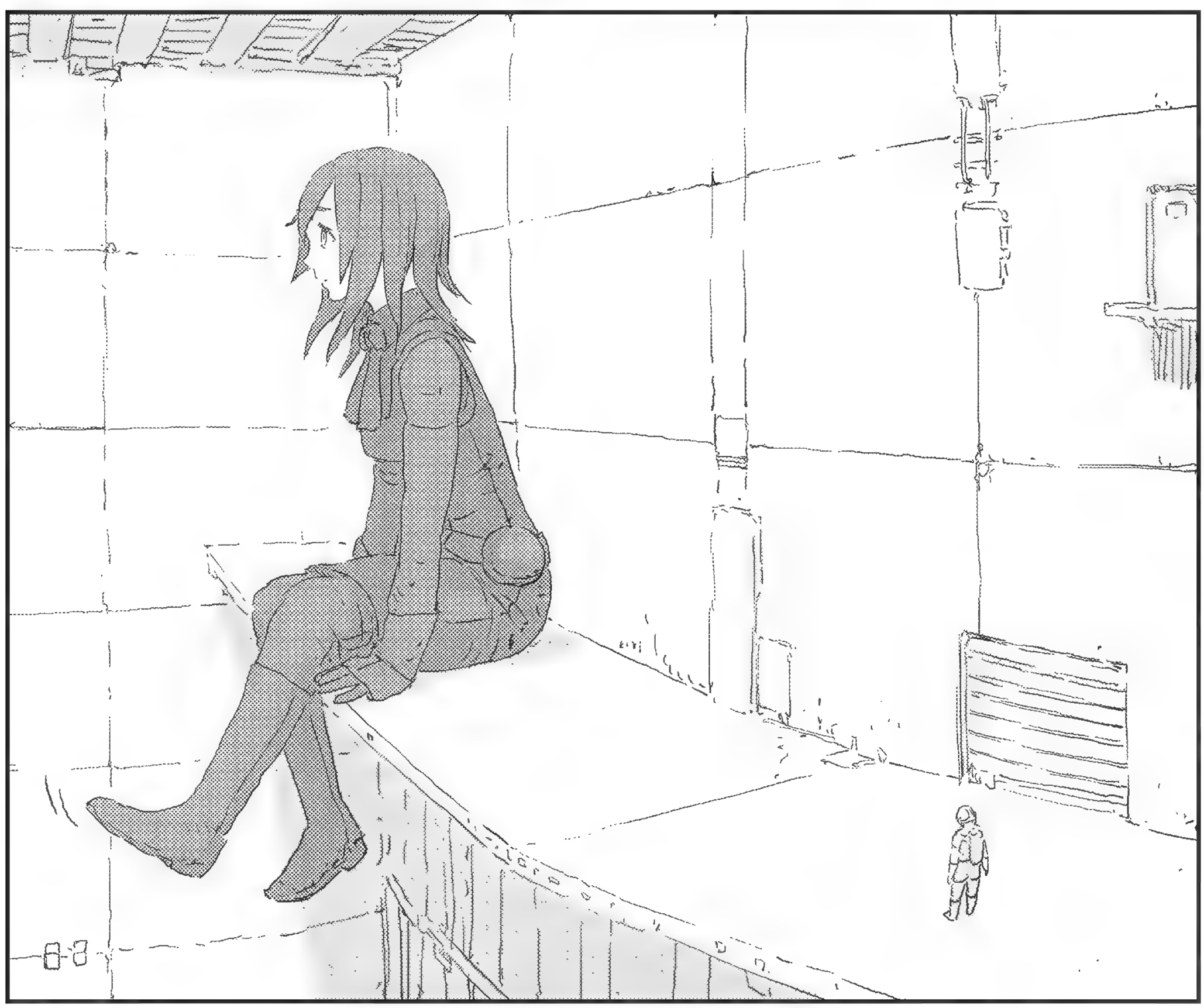
YOU JUST HAVE TO KEEP PRACTIC-ING.

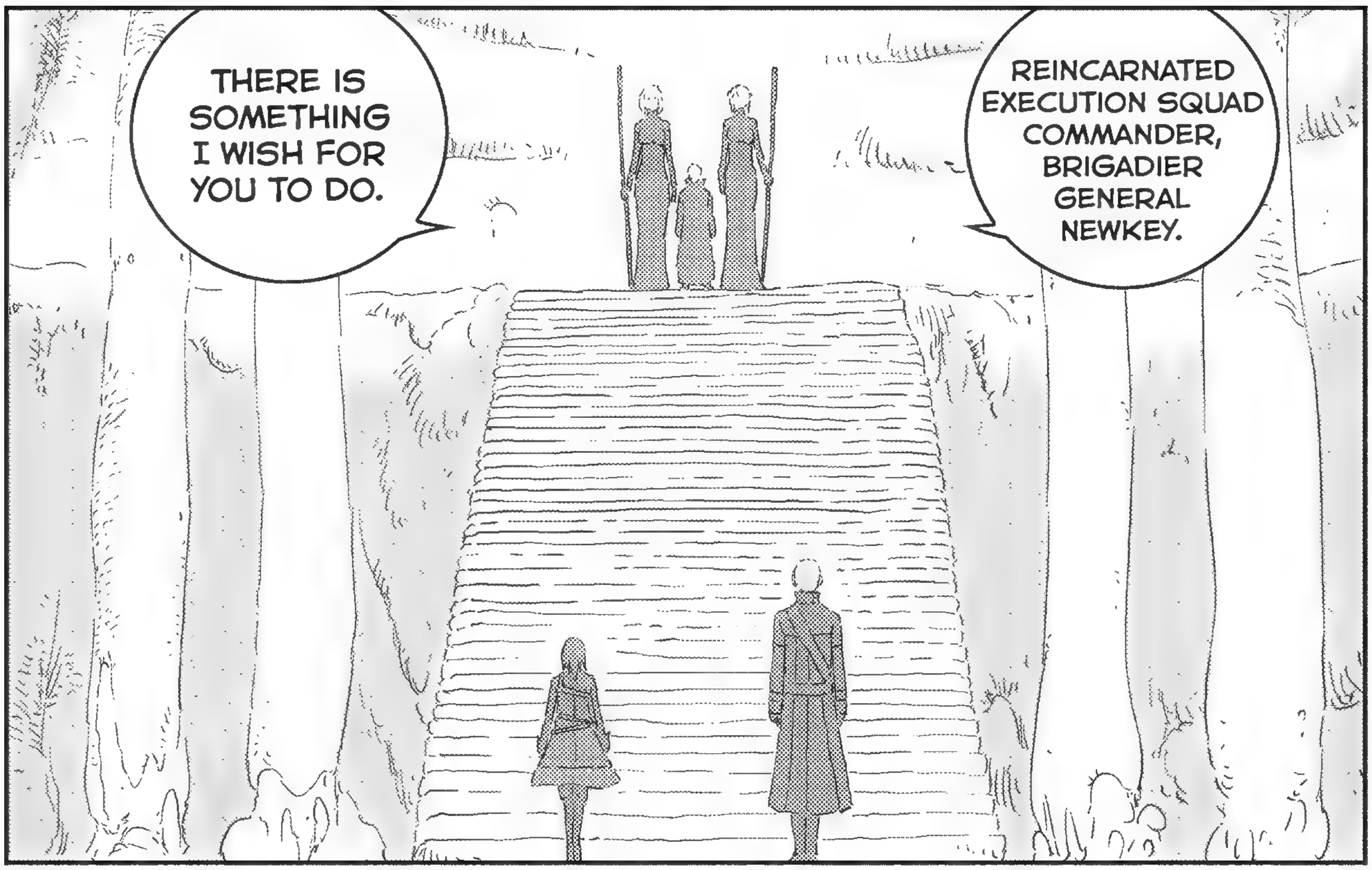
THE DECI-SION'S BEEN MADE.
BZZT
IT'S NOT WORTH THE COST.

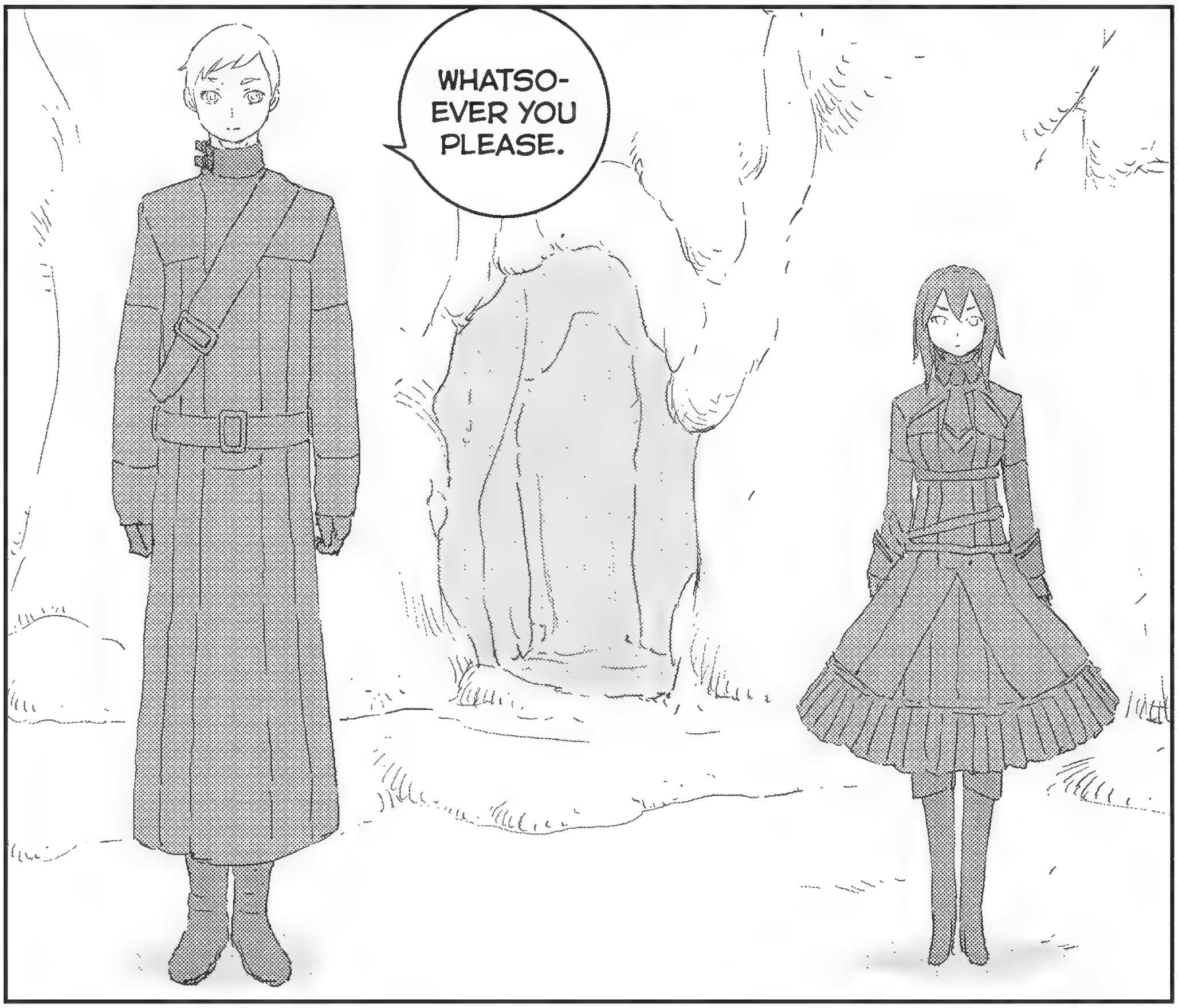

BUT THE ARTIFICIAL CODE WILL PROVIDE THE EMPIRE WITH MASSES OF PLACENTA!


ARE YOU TELLING ME TO DO AWAY WITH AJATE?

HUH ?!

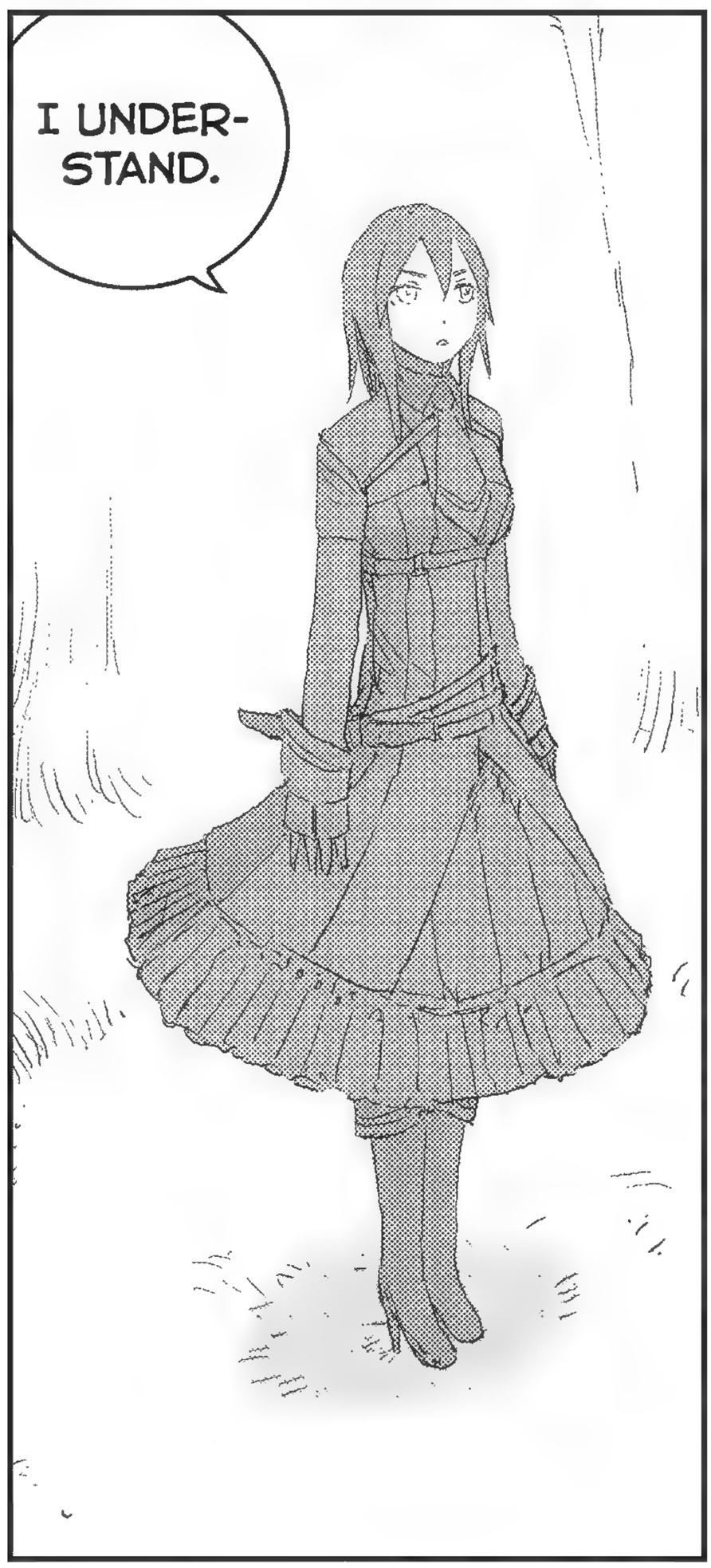



THERE IS SOMETHING I WISH FOR YOU TO DO.
REINCARNATED EXECUTION SQUAD COMMANDER, BRIGADIER GENERAL NEWKEY.


WHATSO-EVER YOU PLEASE.

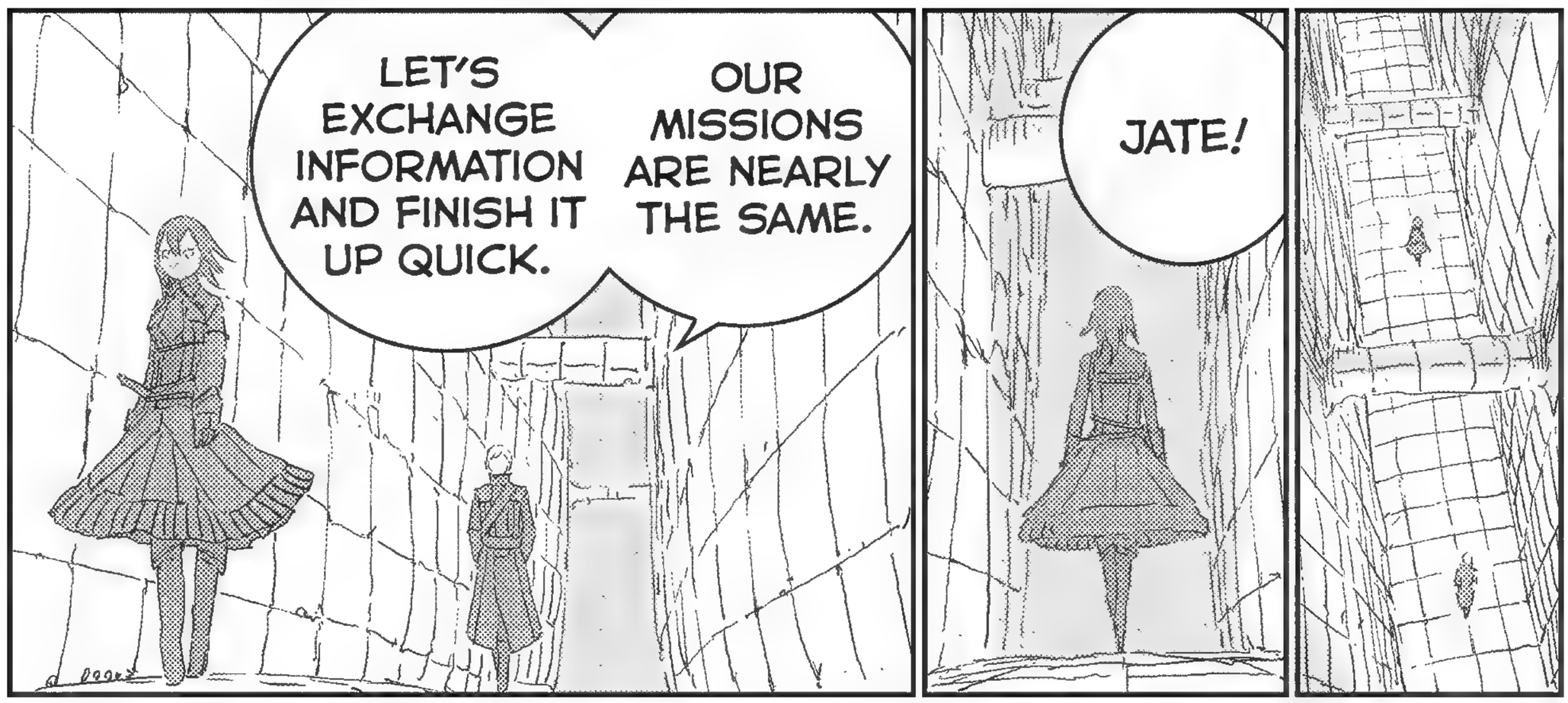
I WILL SET TO IT AT ONCE.
UNDER-STOOD.
AND YOU MAY KILL ALL OF HIS COMRADES, TOO.
KILL HIM.
DO YOU KNOW OF THE REBEL ETHEROW?
OF COURSE, YOUR MAJESTY.

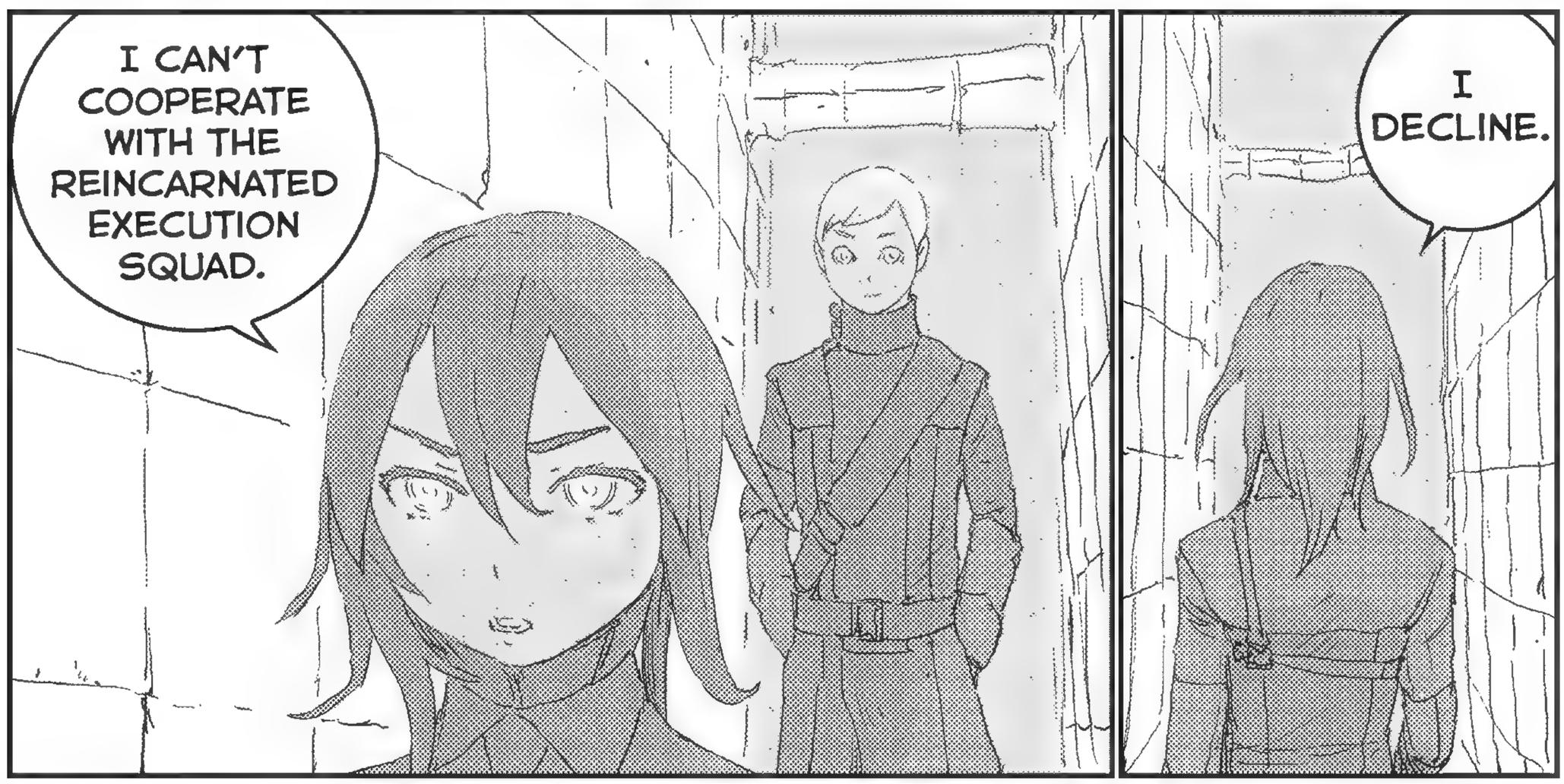
I HAVE A NEW TASK FOR THE HOLY RELICS SEARCH BRIGADE AS WELL.
BRIGADIER GENERAL JATE,

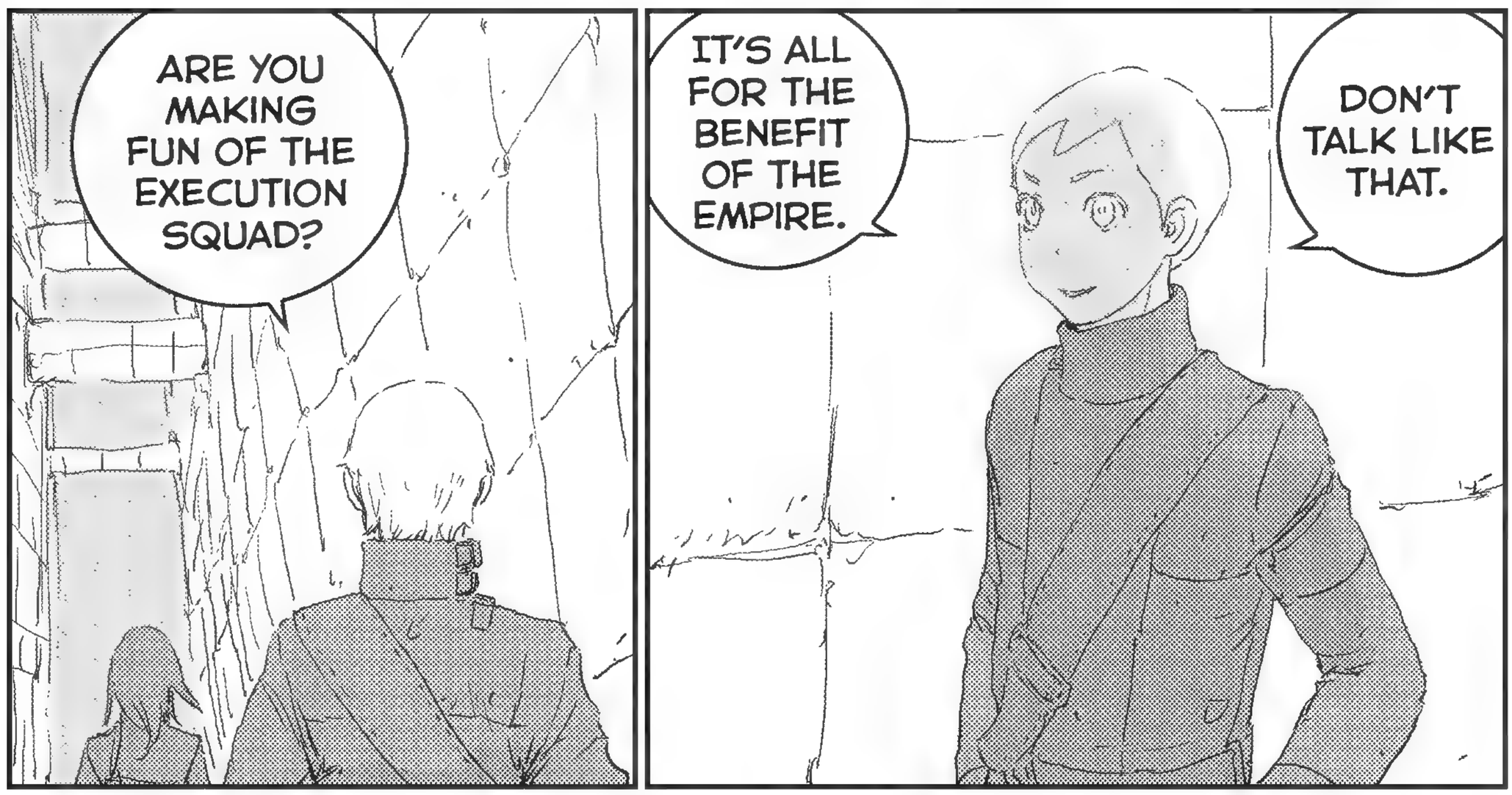

I UNDER-STAND.

RECOVER THE AMBS.

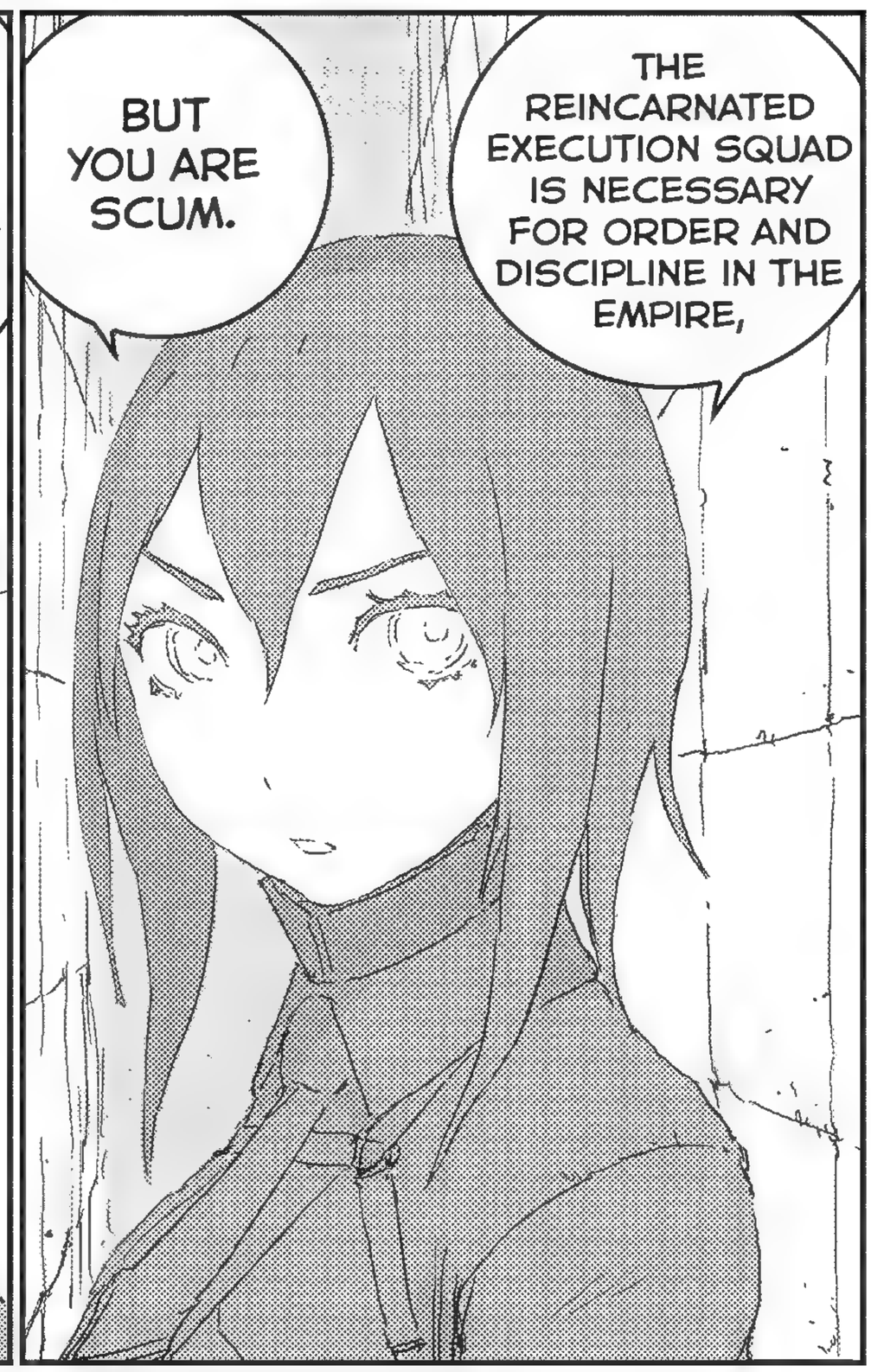
USE ANY MEANS NECES-SARY.

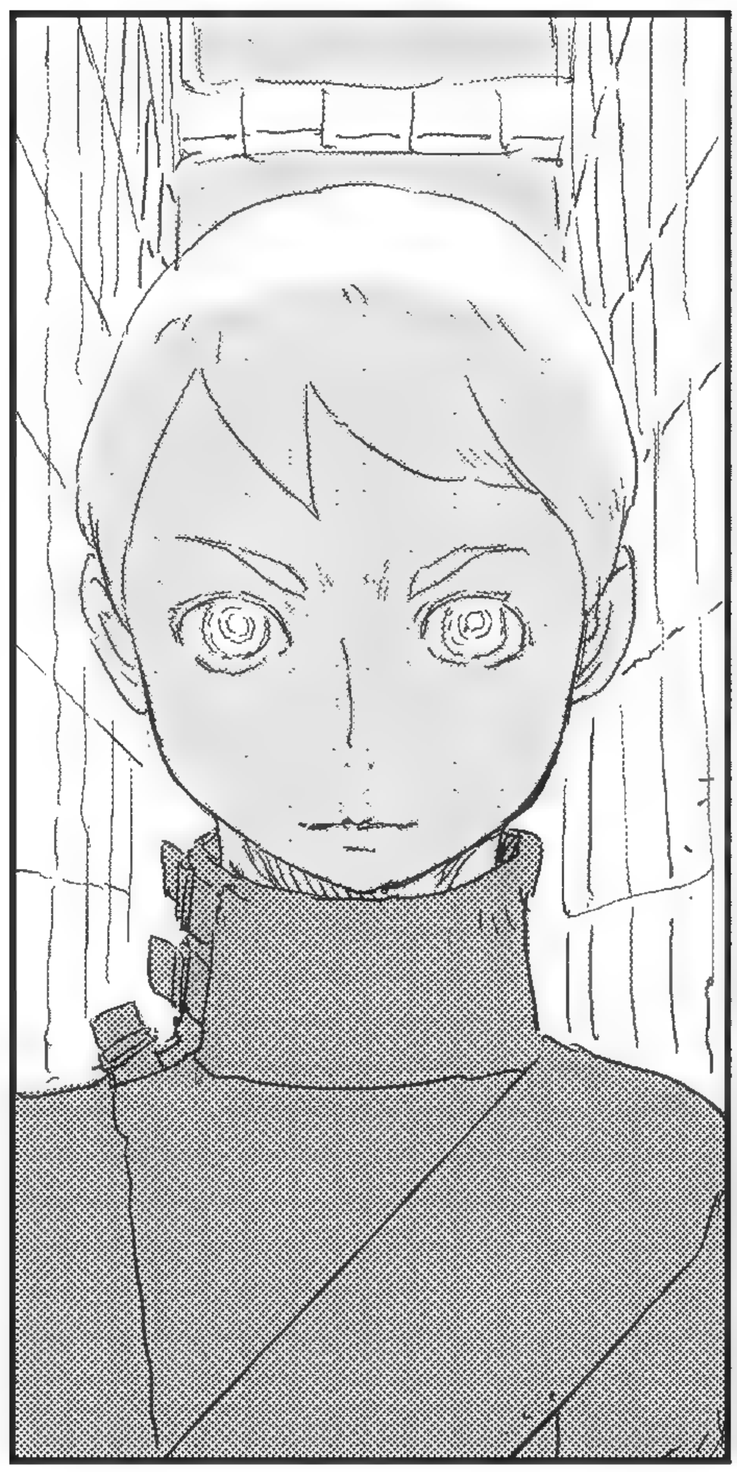

LET'S EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND FINISH IT UP QUICK.
OUR MISSIONS ARE NEARLY THE SAME.
JATE!

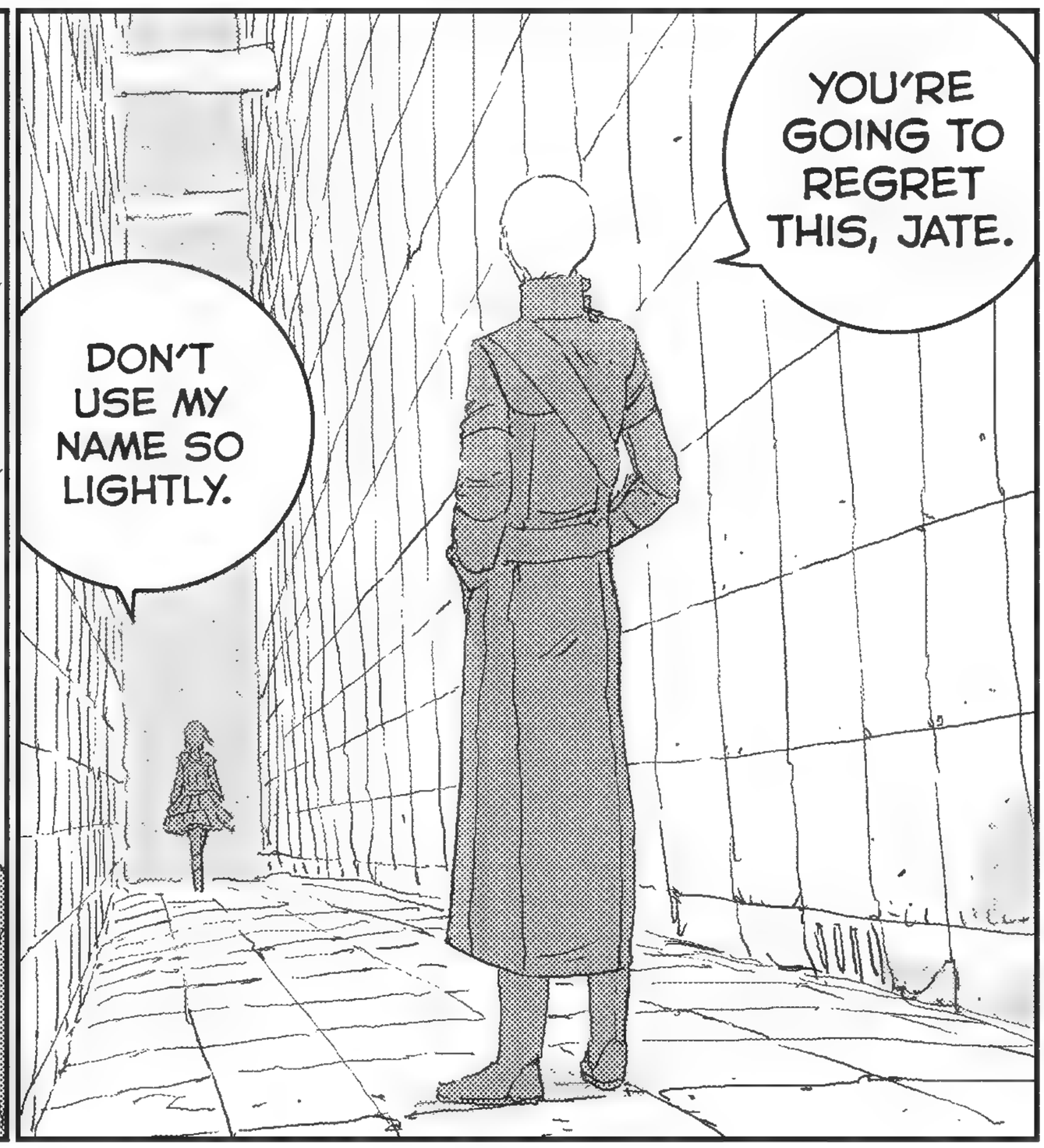

I CAN'T COOPERATE WITH THE REINCARNATED EXECUTION SQUAD.
I DECLINE.

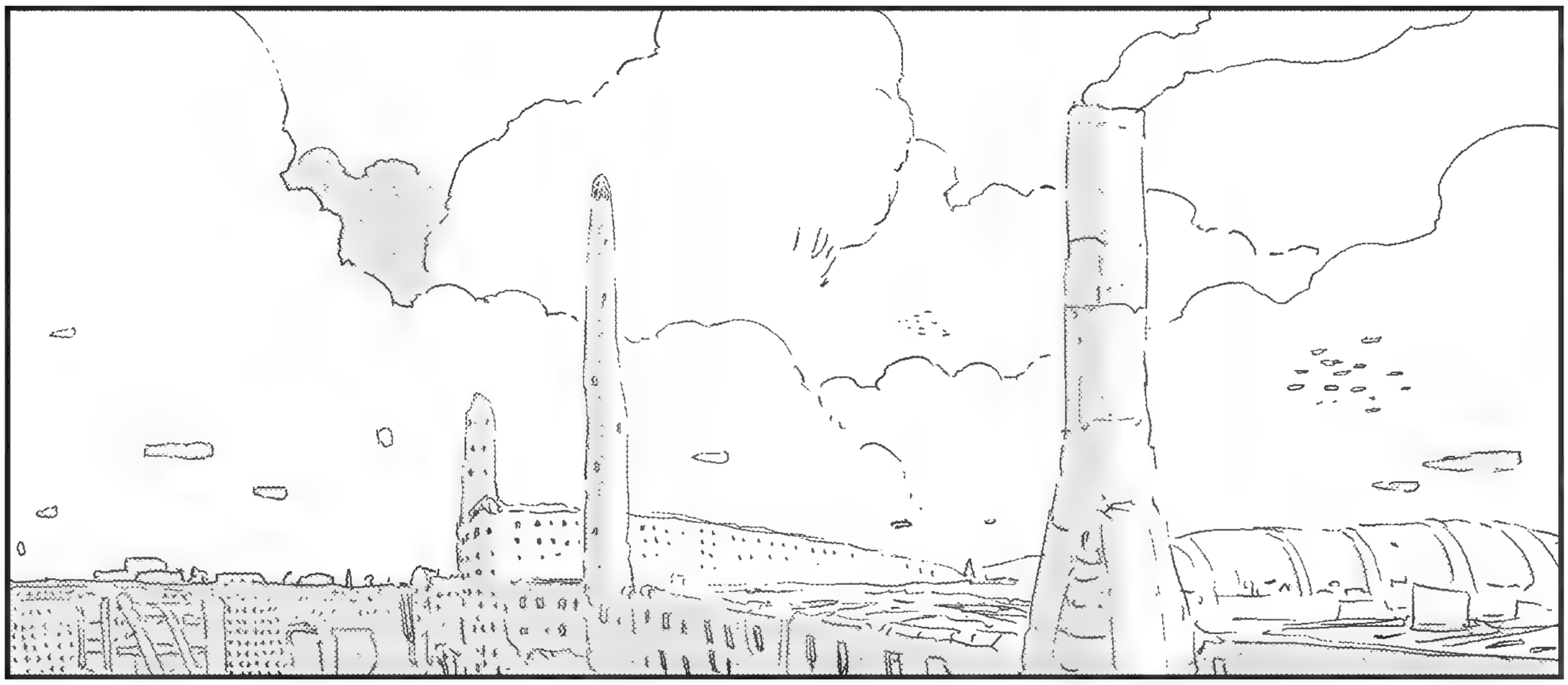

ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF THE EXECUTION SQUAD?
IT'S ALL FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE EMPIRE.
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT.

AND THEN I WILL HAVE YOU AS MY SUBORDINATE AND RE-EDUCATE YOU FROM SQUARE ONE.
IF THIS MISSION IS A SUCCESS, THEN I WILL CERTAINLY BE PROMOTED,

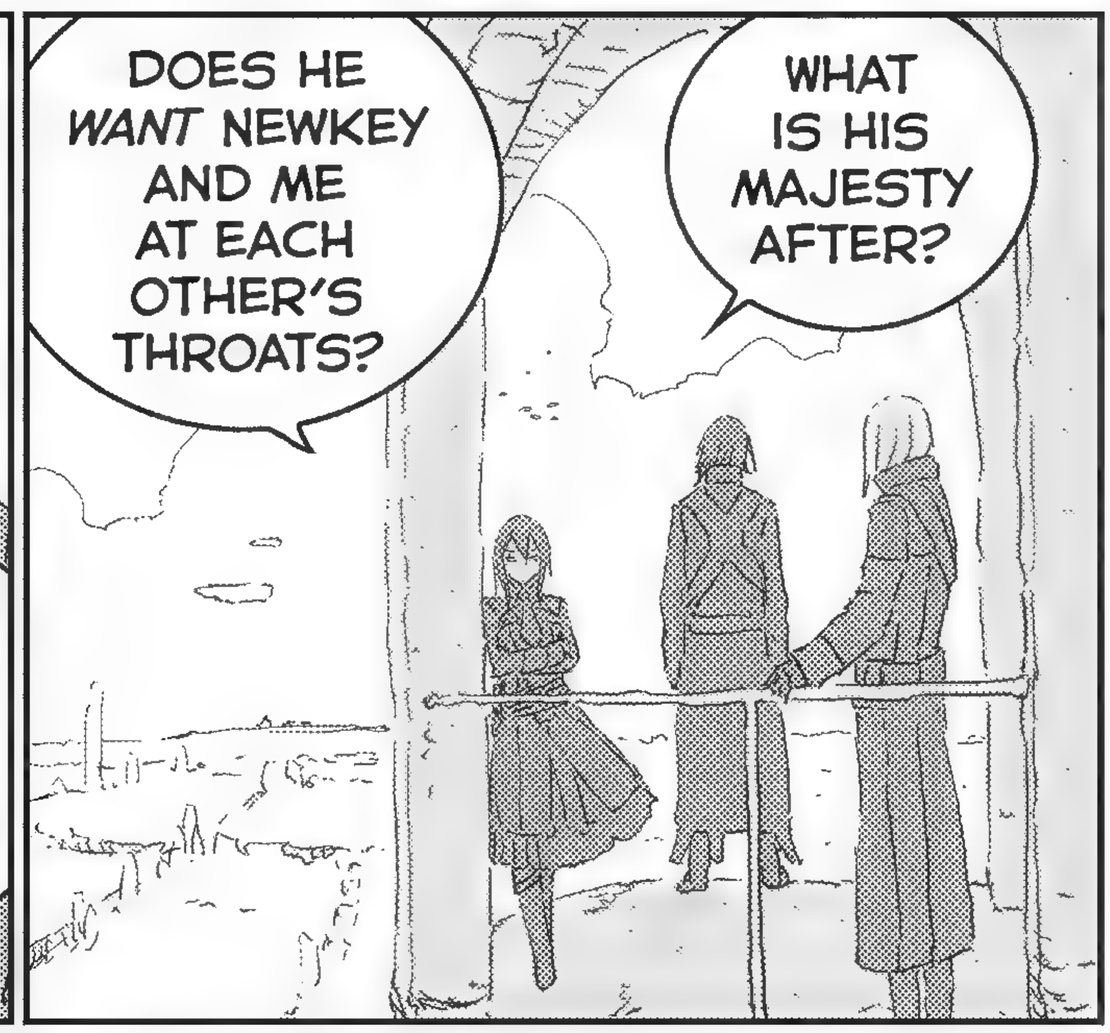

BUT YOU ARE SCUM.
THE REINCARNATED EXECUTION SQUAD IS NECESSARY FOR ORDER AND DISCIPLINE IN THE EMPIRE,

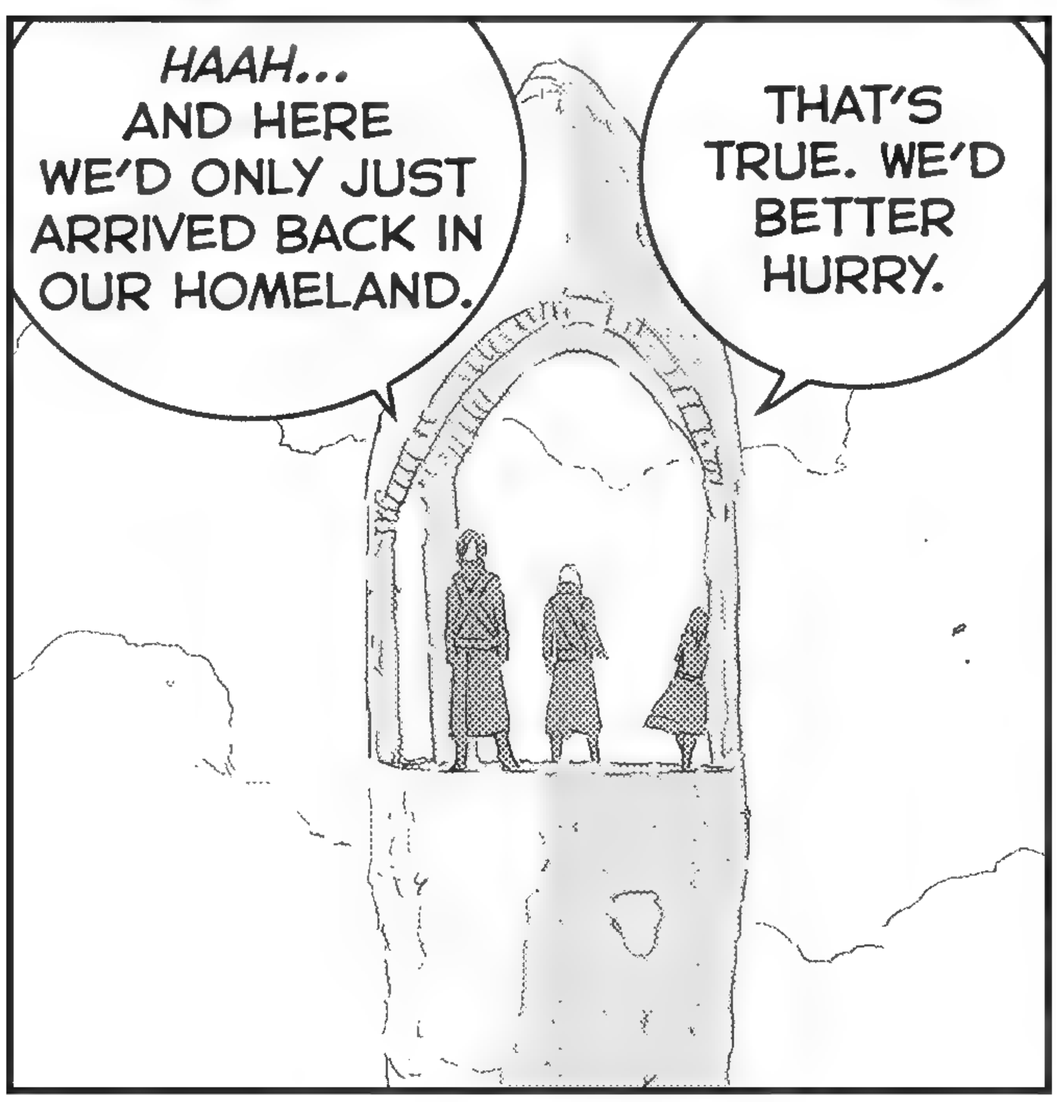

DON'T USE MY NAME SO LIGHTLY.


YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET THIS, JATE.



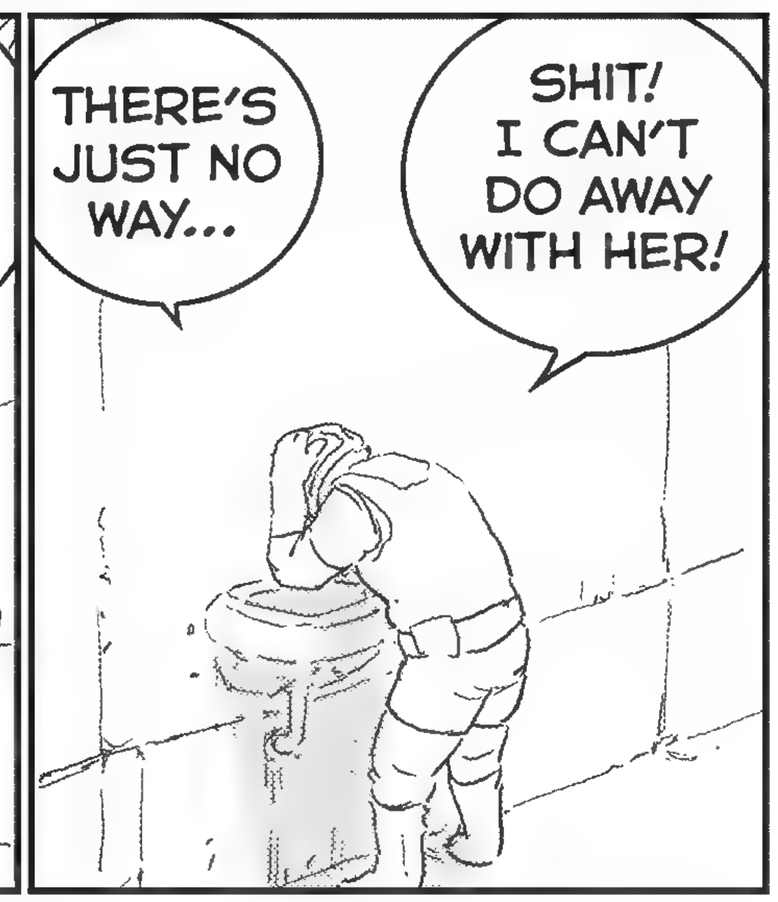
WE NEED TO FIND HIM BEFORE THE EXECUTION SQUAD.
AND RECOVERING THE AMBS.
OR *THEY'LL* END UP KILLING ETHEROW


DOES HE *WANT* NEWKEY AND ME AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS?
WHAT IS HIS MAJESTY AFTER?


HAAH... AND HERE WE'D ONLY JUST ARRIVED BACK IN OUR HOMELAND.
THAT'S TRUE. WE'D BETTER HURRY.

IF HE USES THEM ALL UP AGAINST THE EXECUTION SQUAD,
OUR MISSION WILL FAIL, TOO.
THERE ARE FOUR OF THOSE BULLETS LEFT.

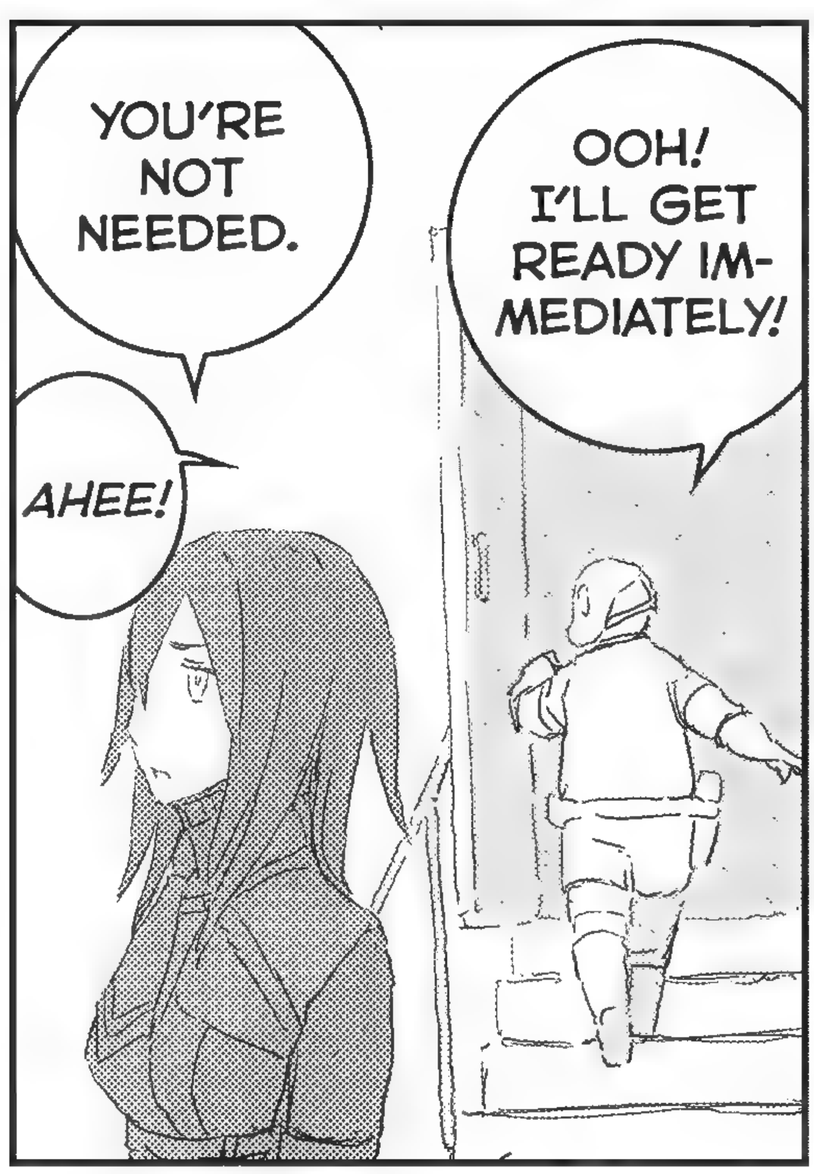
AJATE...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, TASHI-TSUMA?
ZZWUMM

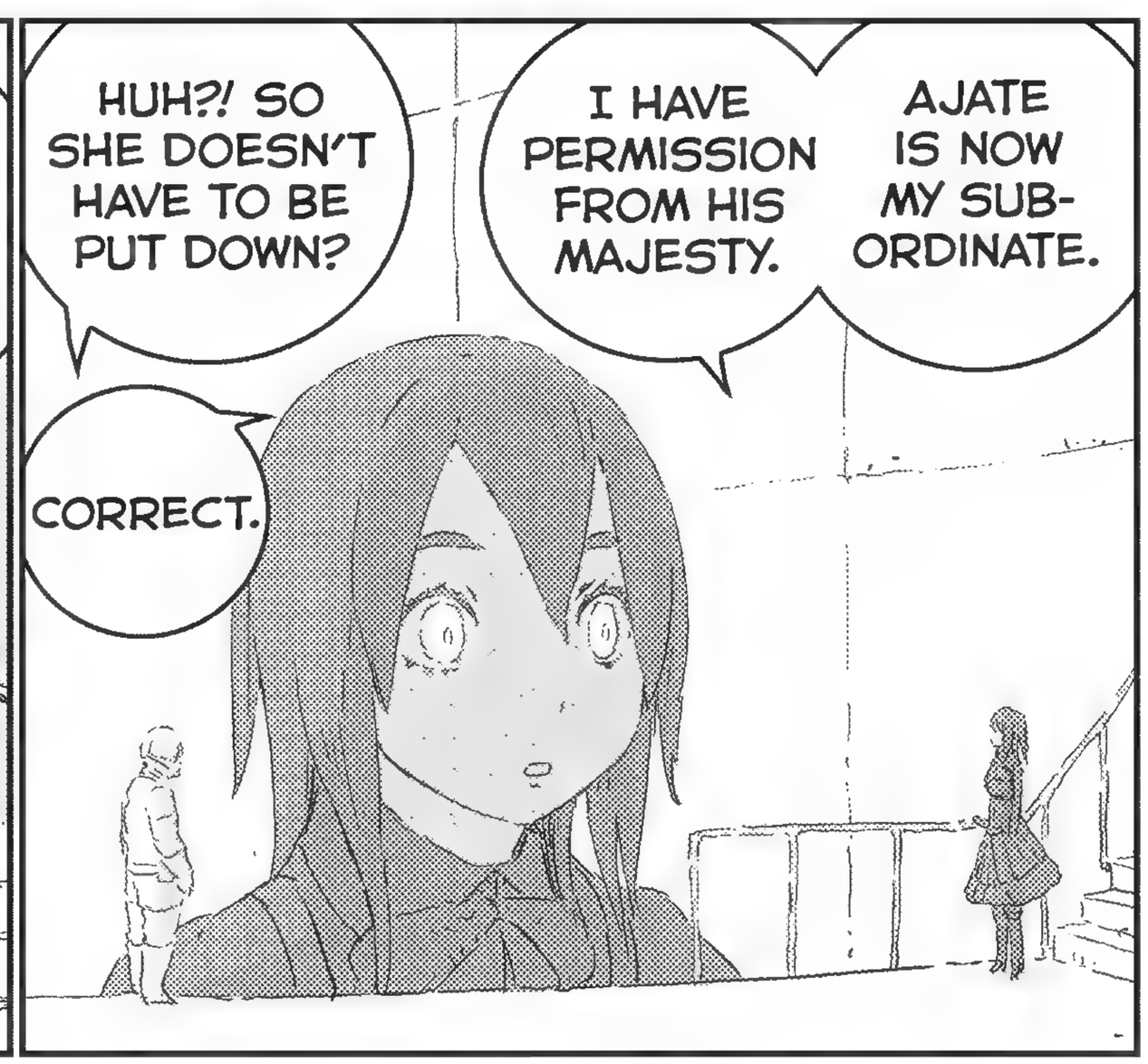

THERE'S JUST NO WAY...
SHIT! I CAN'T DO AWAY WITH HER!

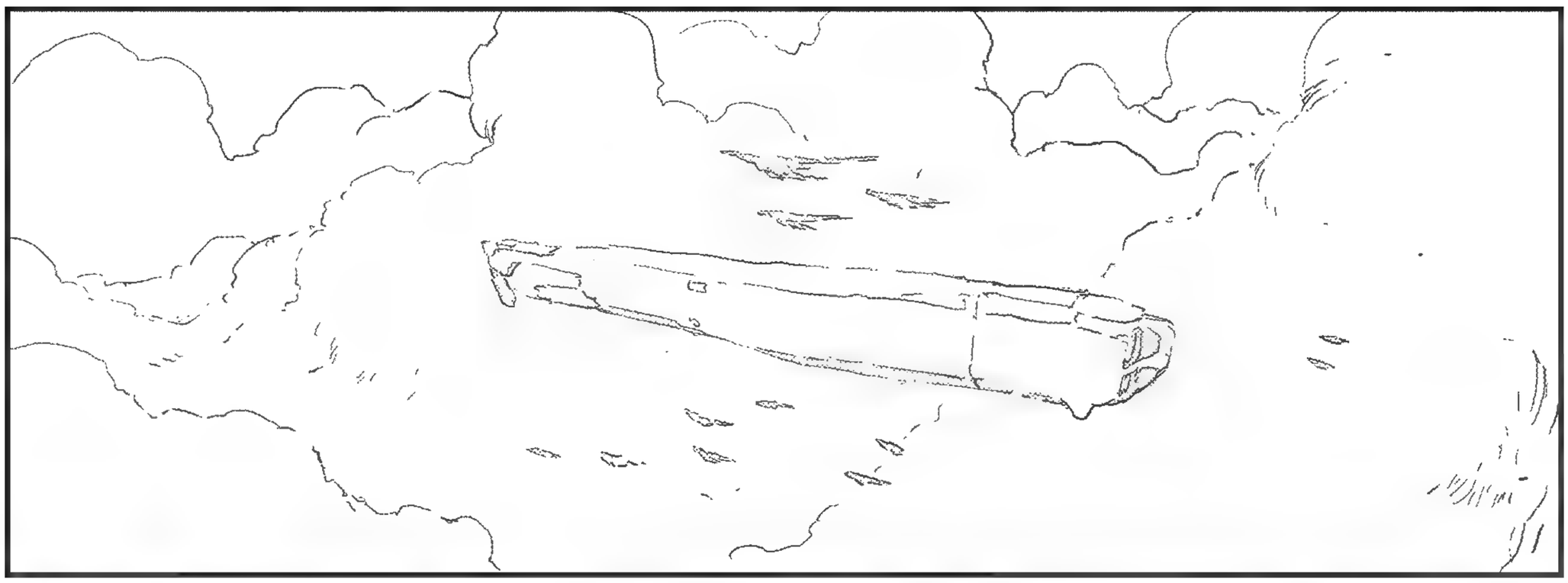
WAIT A SECOND! GIVE ME SOME MORE TIME!

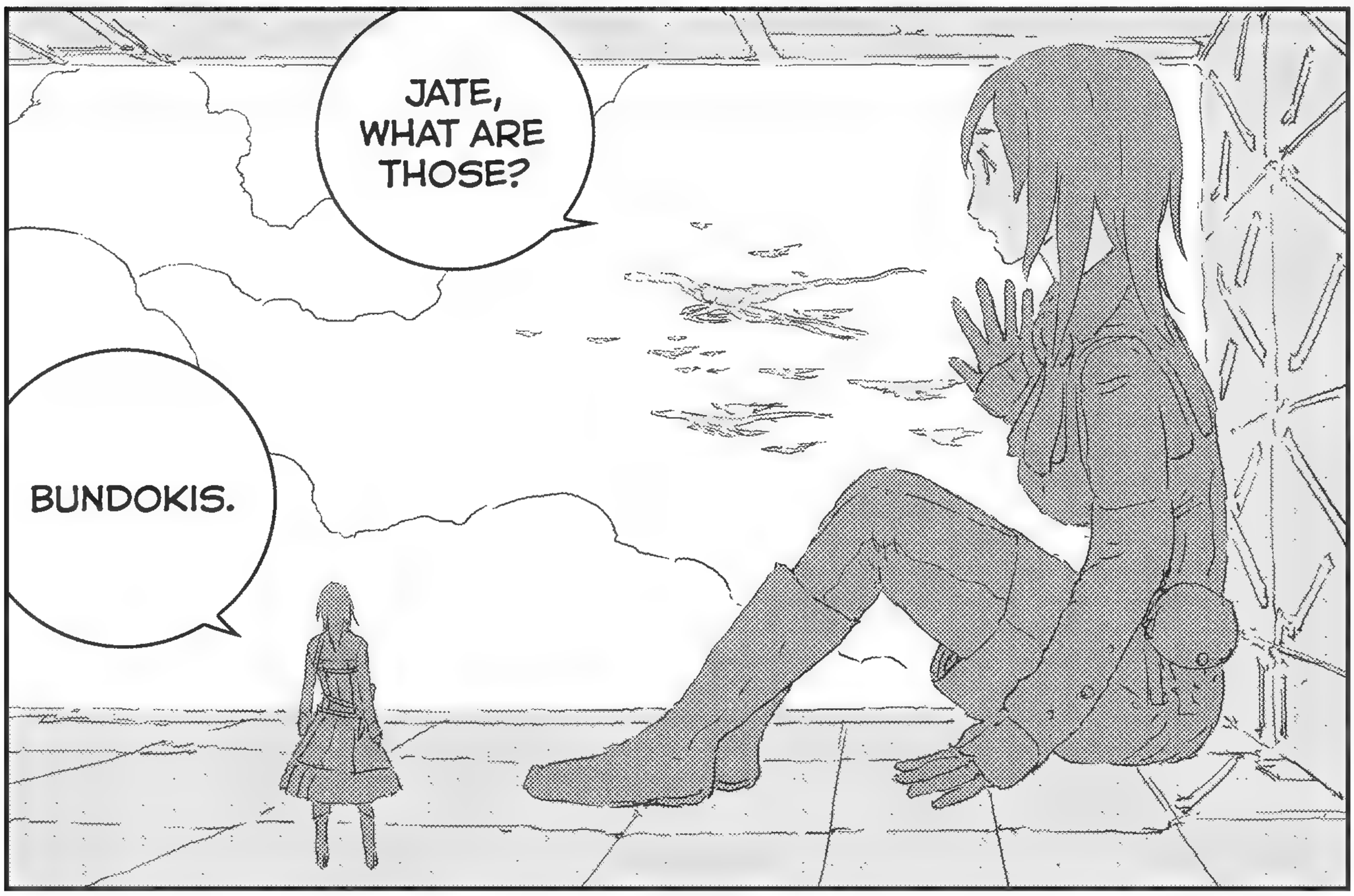
I'M HERE TO TAKE AWAY AJATE.

SLAM
AHEE!
TASHI-TSUMA!


YOU'RE NOT NEEDED.
OOH! I'LL GET READY IM-MEDIATELY!
AHEE!

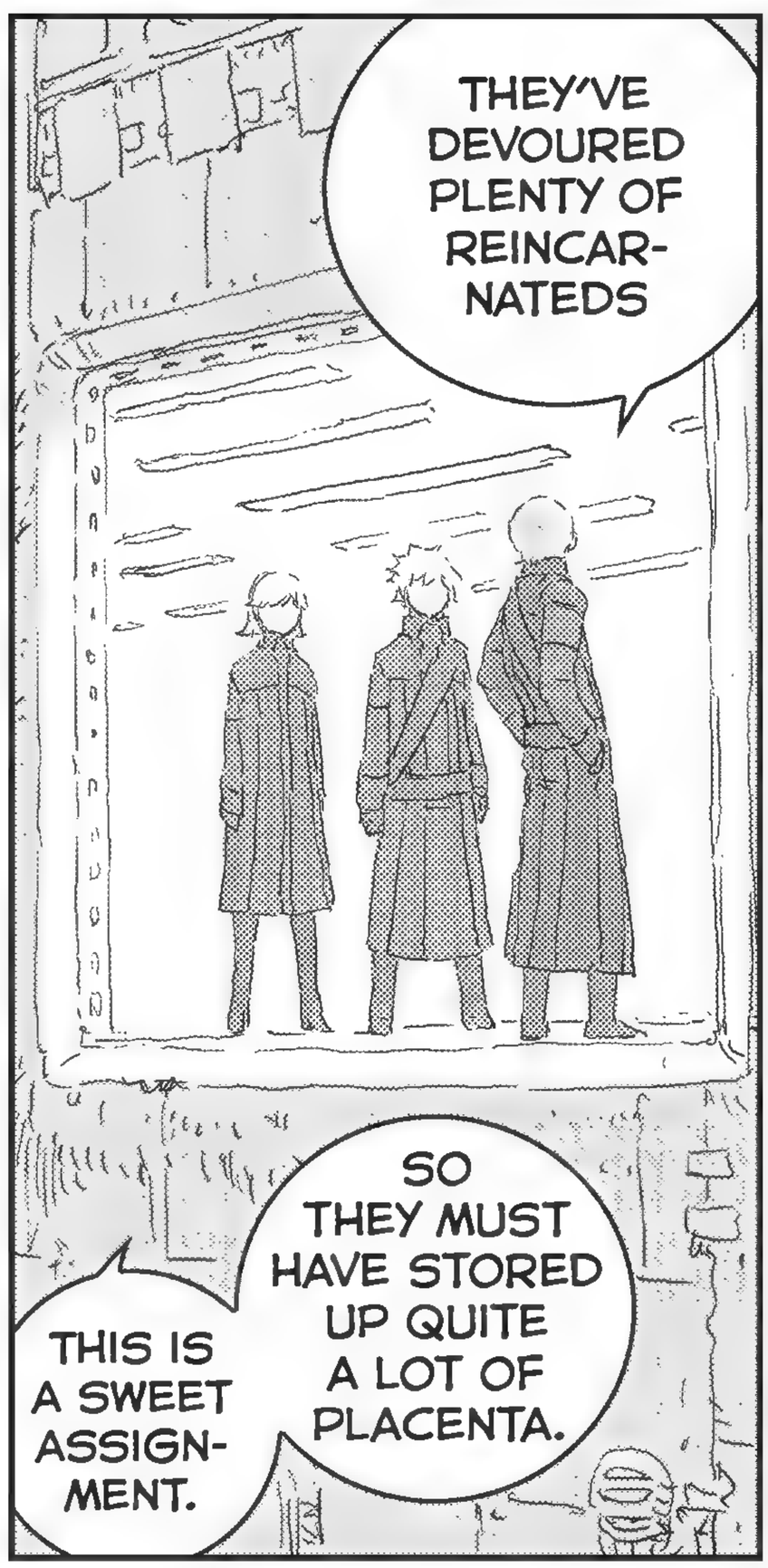

HUH?! SO SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE PUT DOWN?
I HAVE PERMISSION FROM HIS MAJESTY.
AJATE IS NOW MY SUB-ORDINATE.
CORRECT.

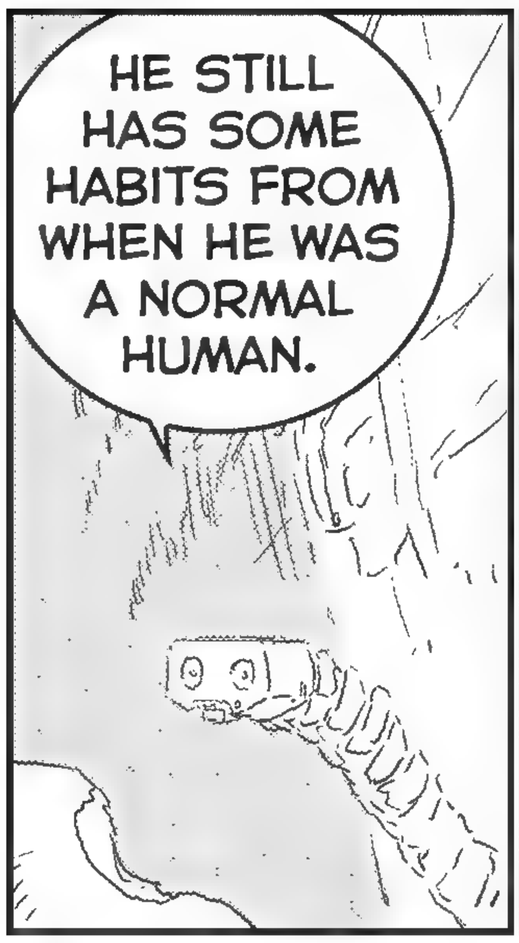


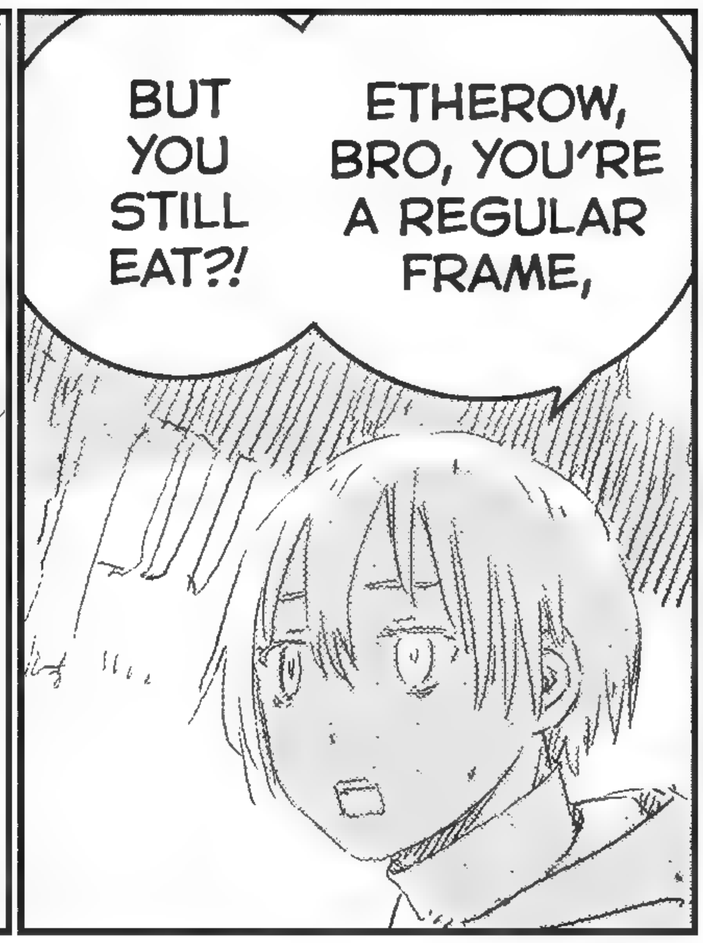

JATE, WHAT ARE THOSE?
BUNDOKIS.

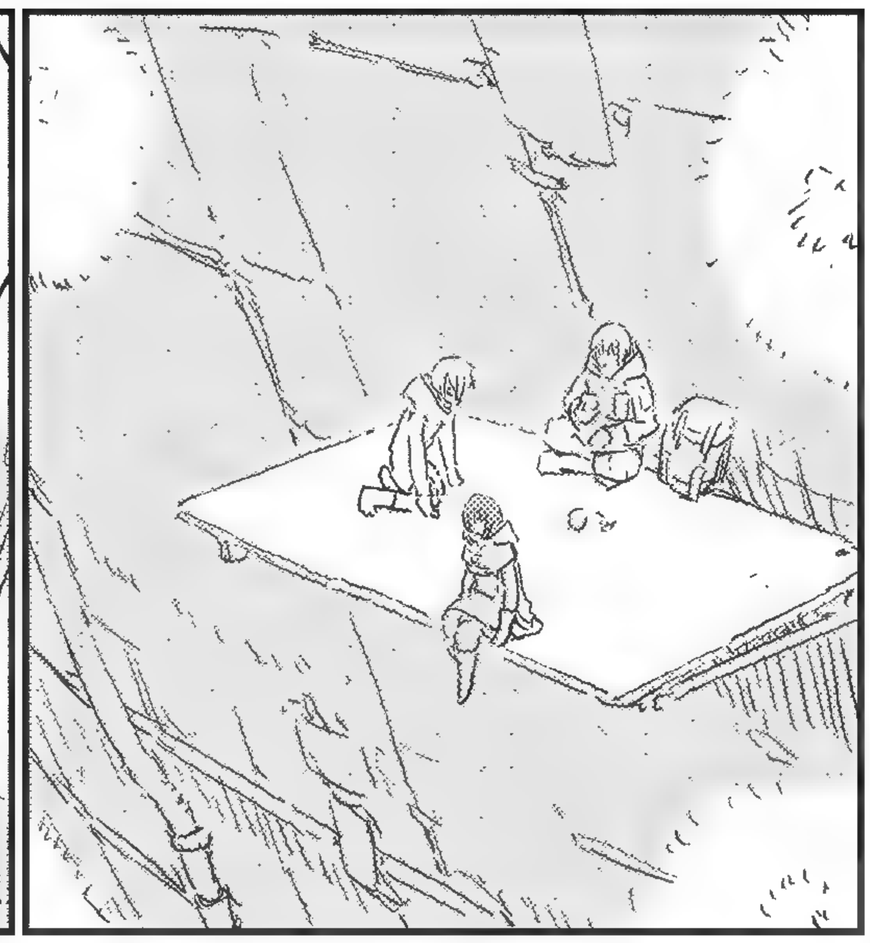
EH, TOSU?
FEELS LIKE THIS IS GONNA BE A FUN TRIP SOMEHOW,
THE EMPIRE SPREADS SEEDS AND SEEDLINGS IN ORDER TO SECURE THE FLOATING SUBSTANCE.

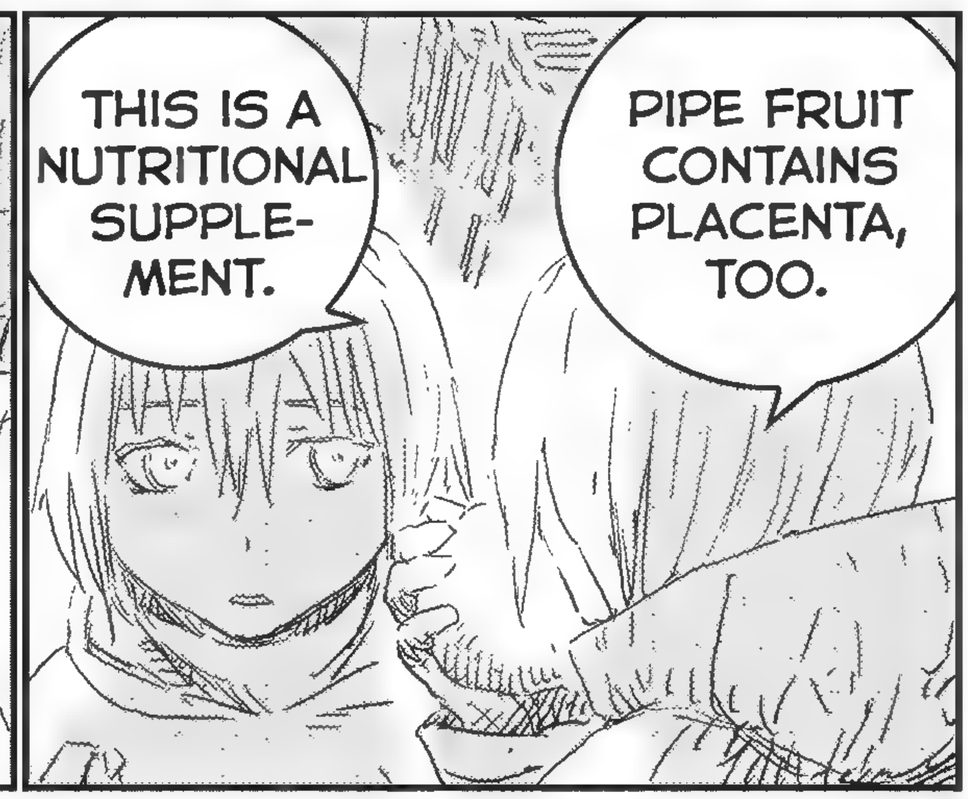
OUR MAIN TARGET IS ETHEROW.

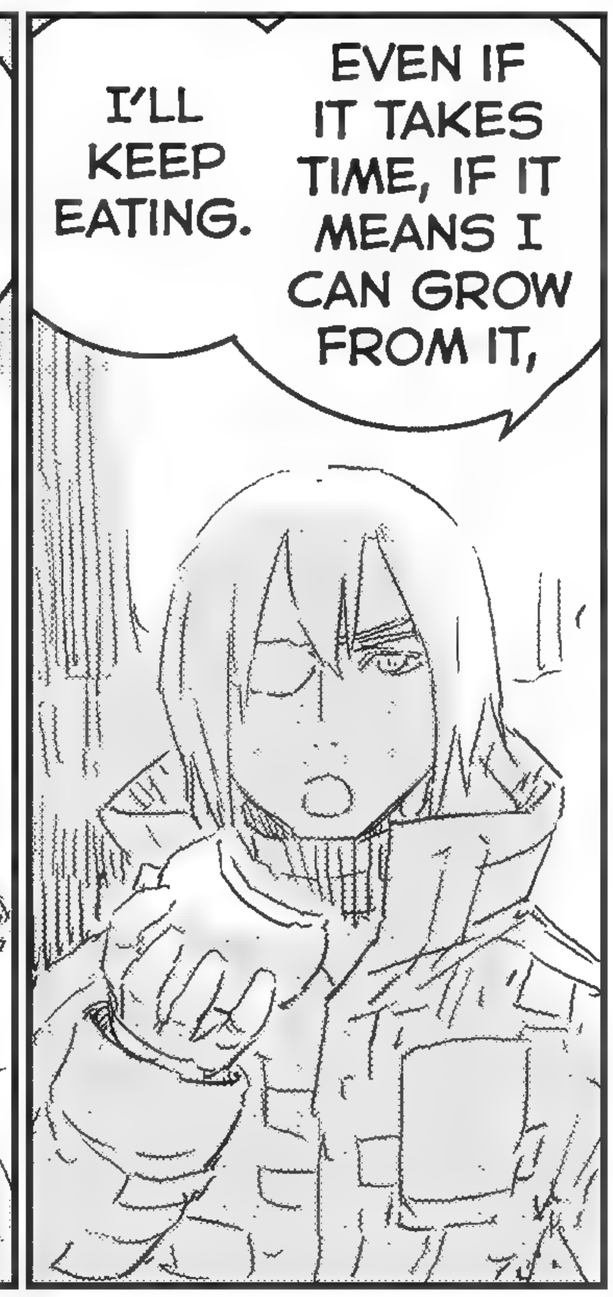












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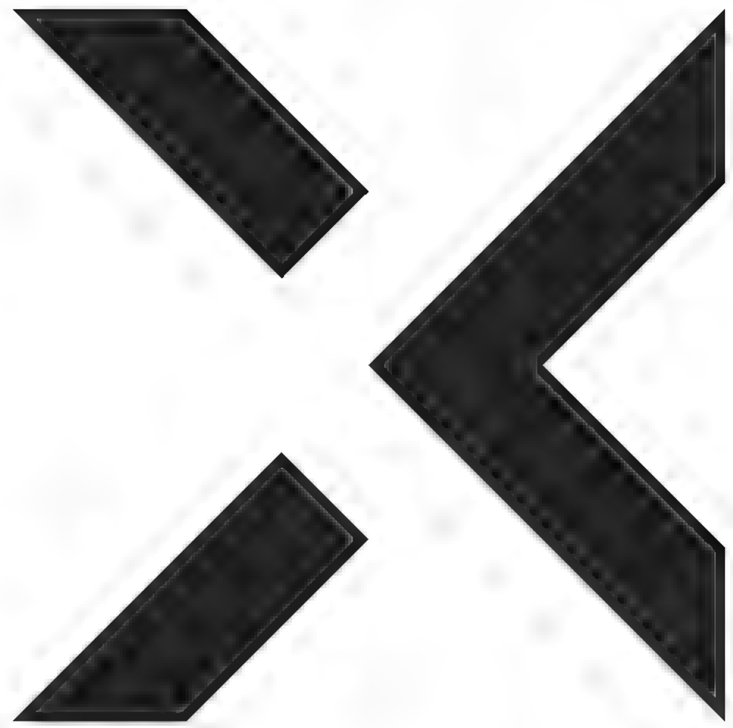

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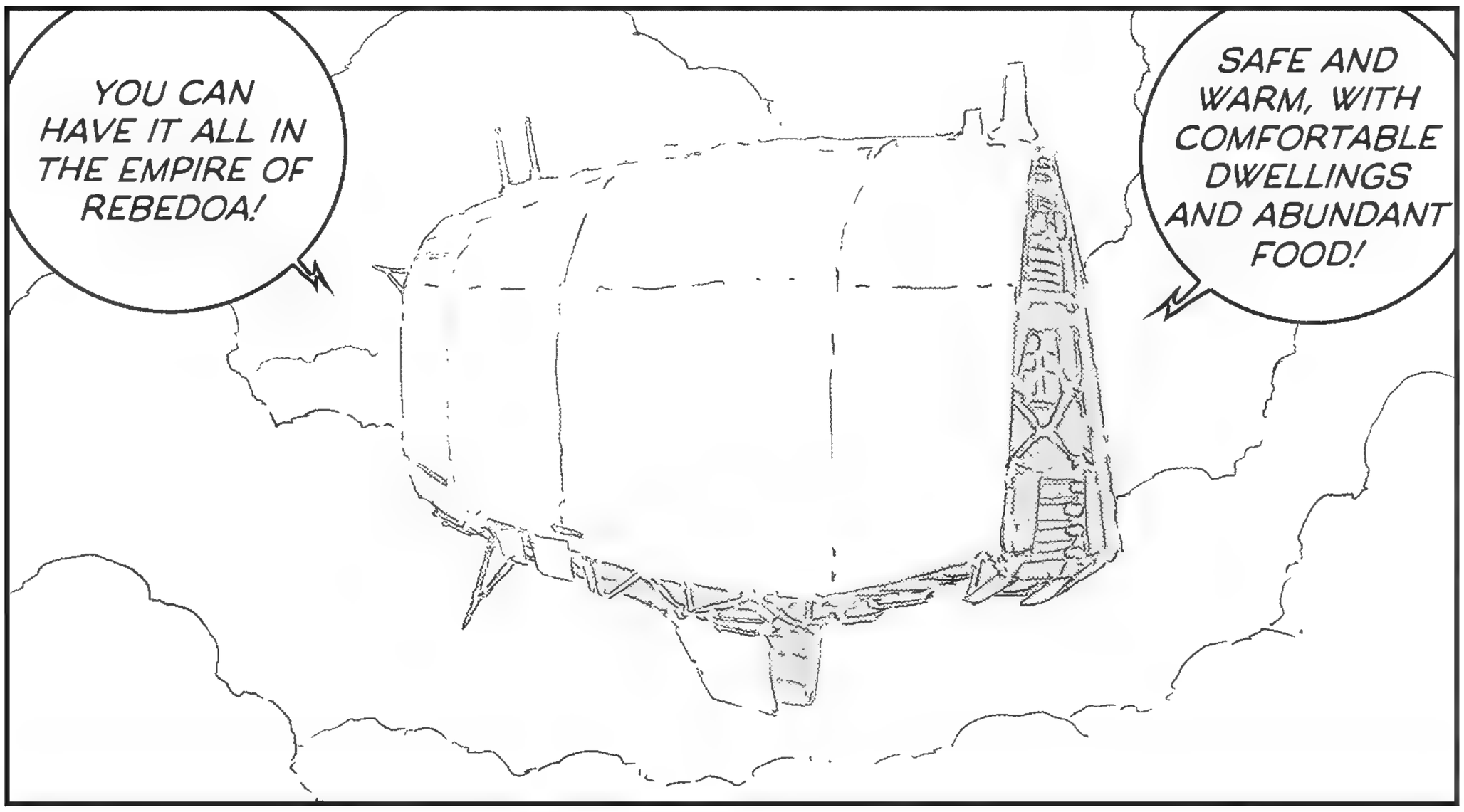
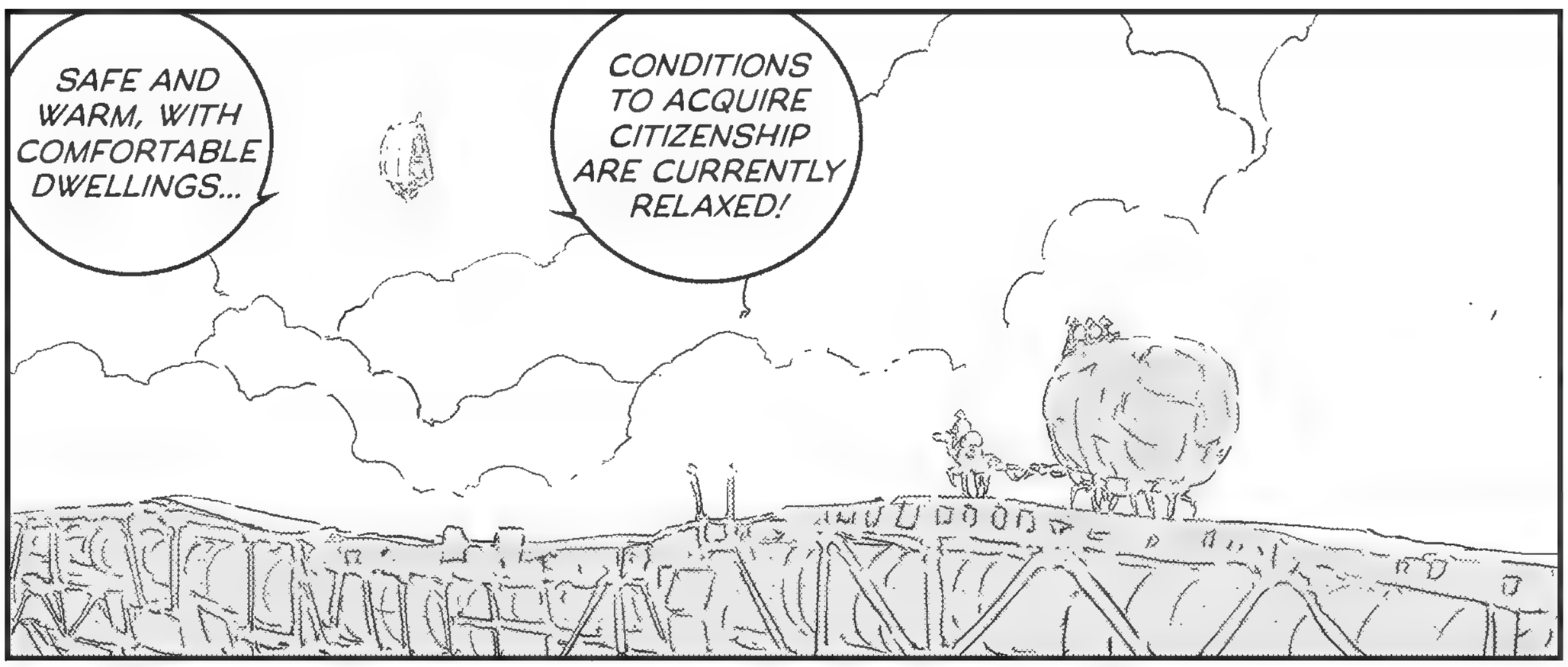
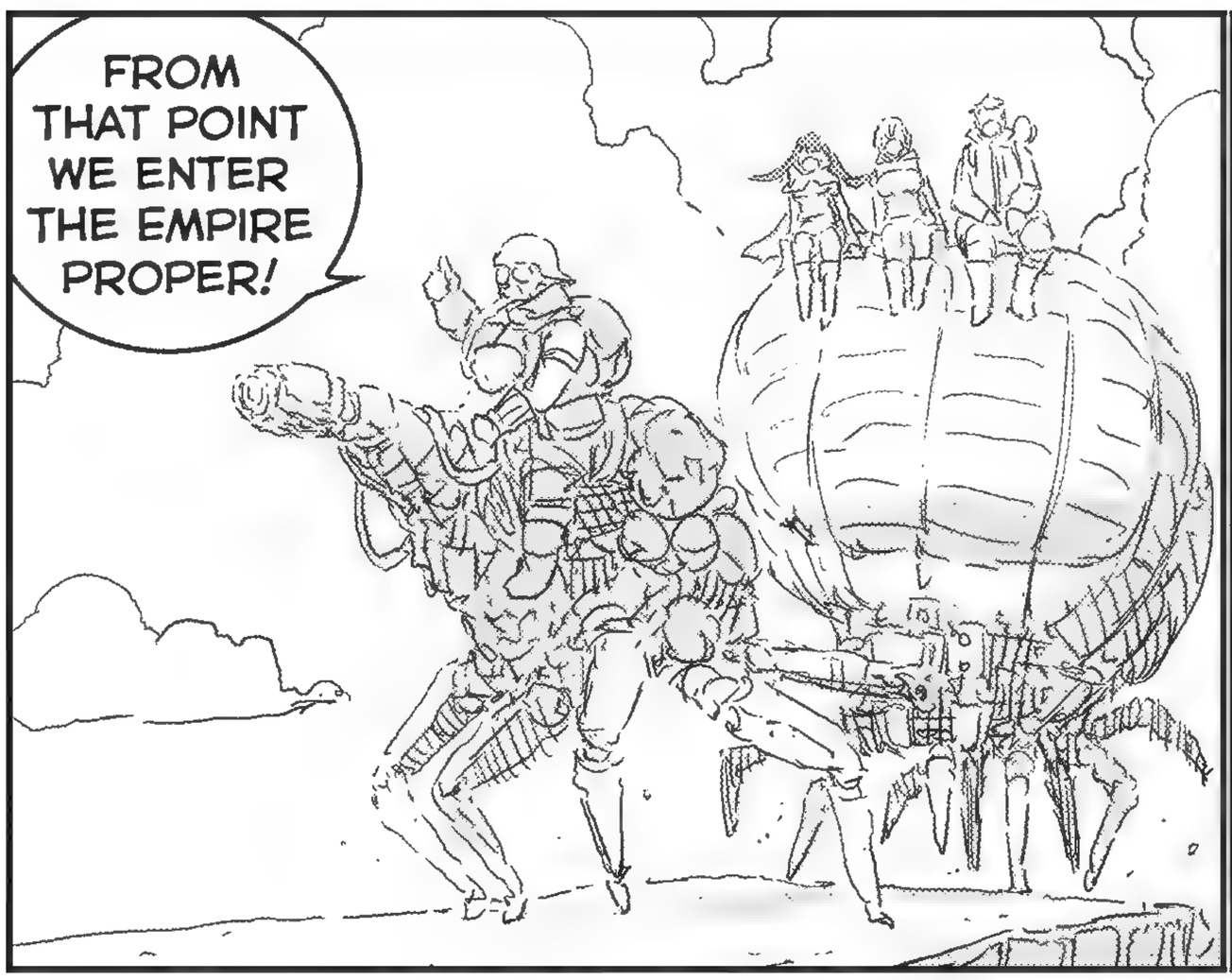
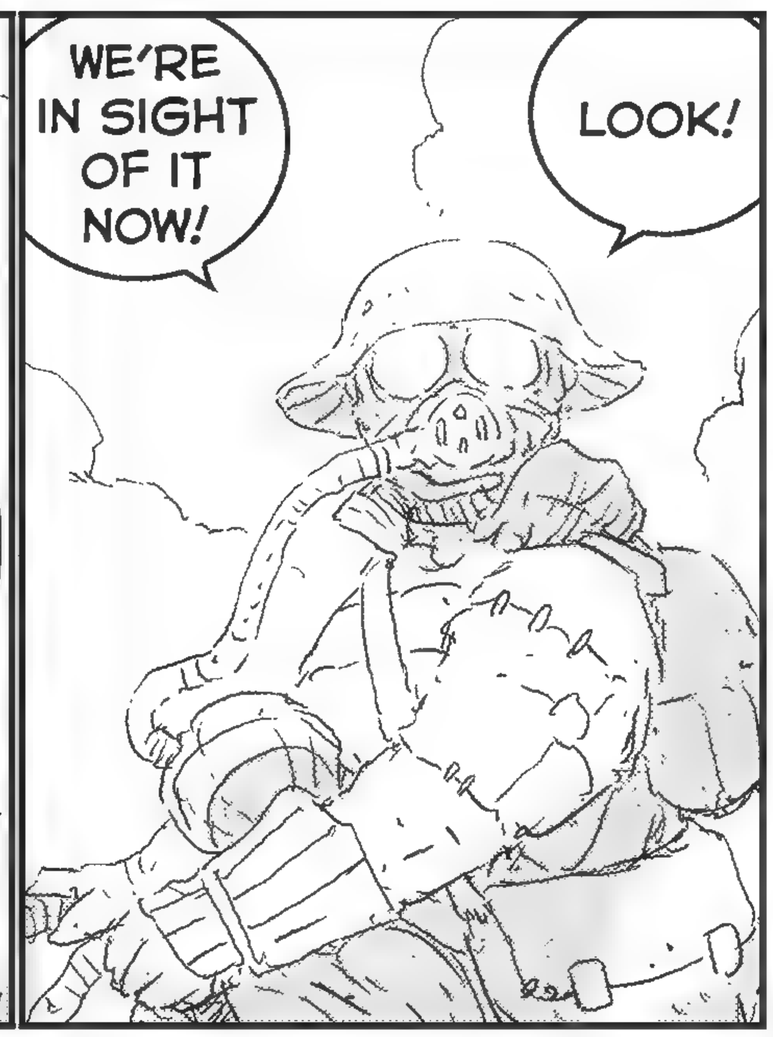
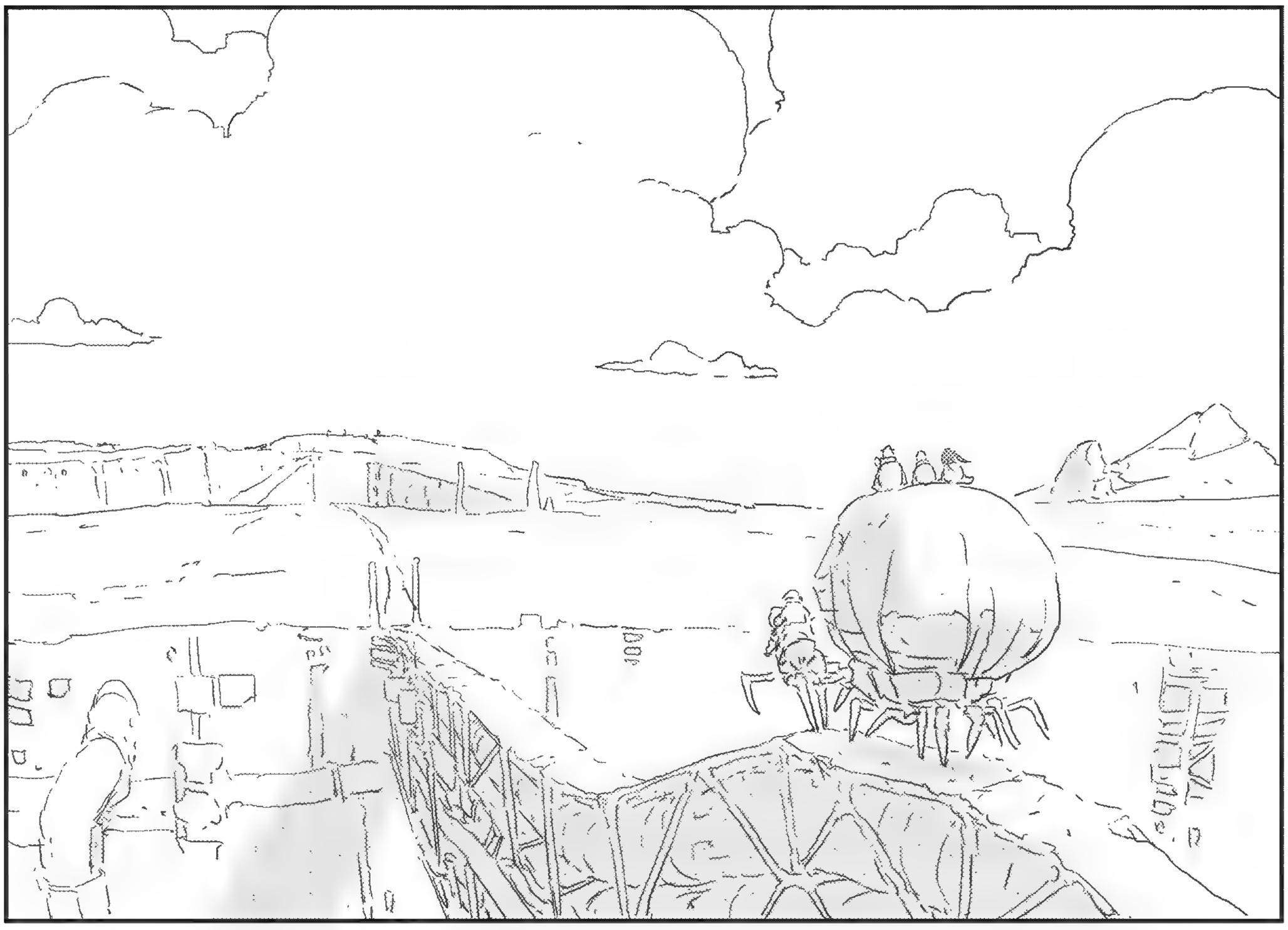
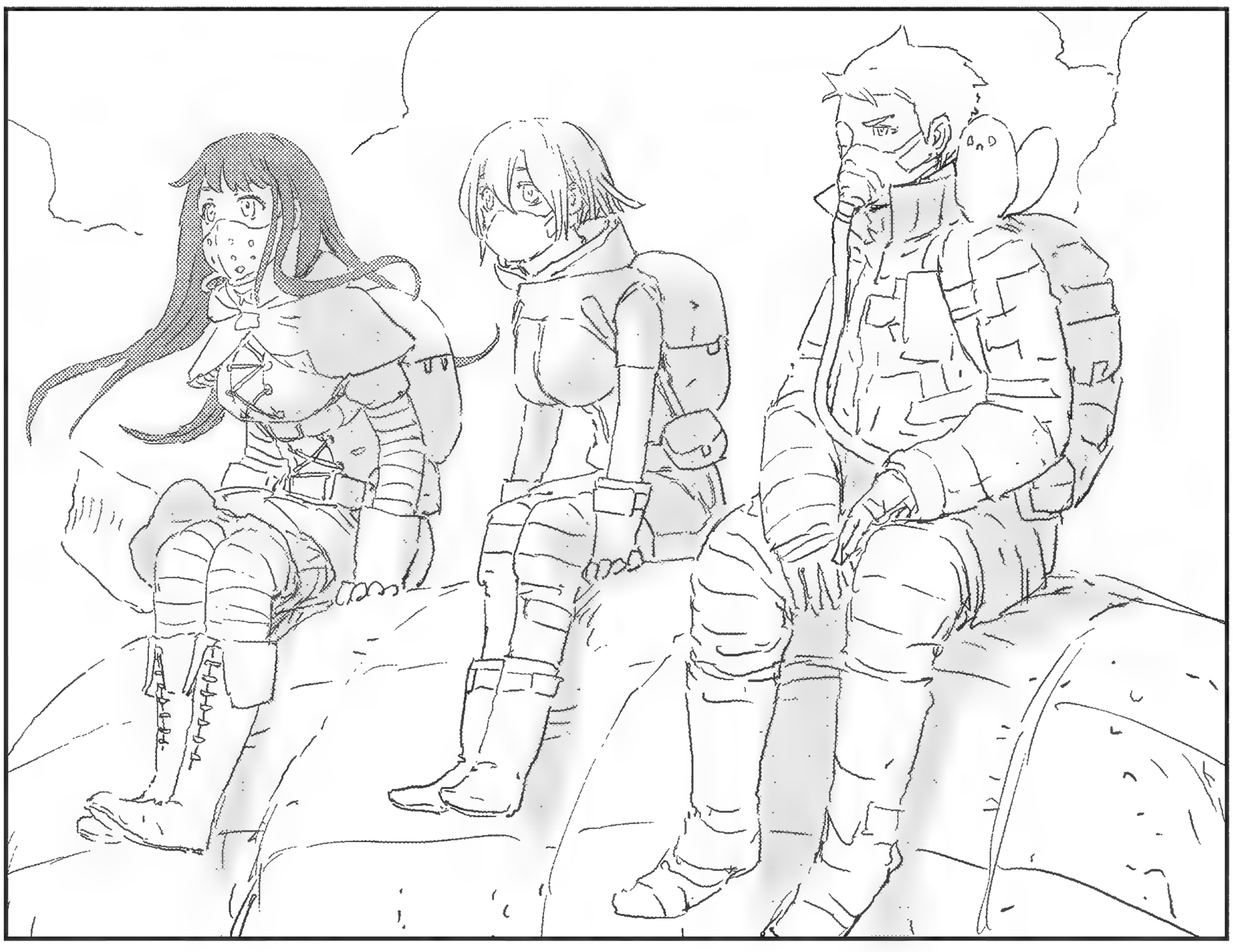

YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL IN THE EMPIRE OF REBEDOA!
SAFE AND WARM, WITH COMFORTABLE DWELLINGS AND ABUNDANT FOOD!

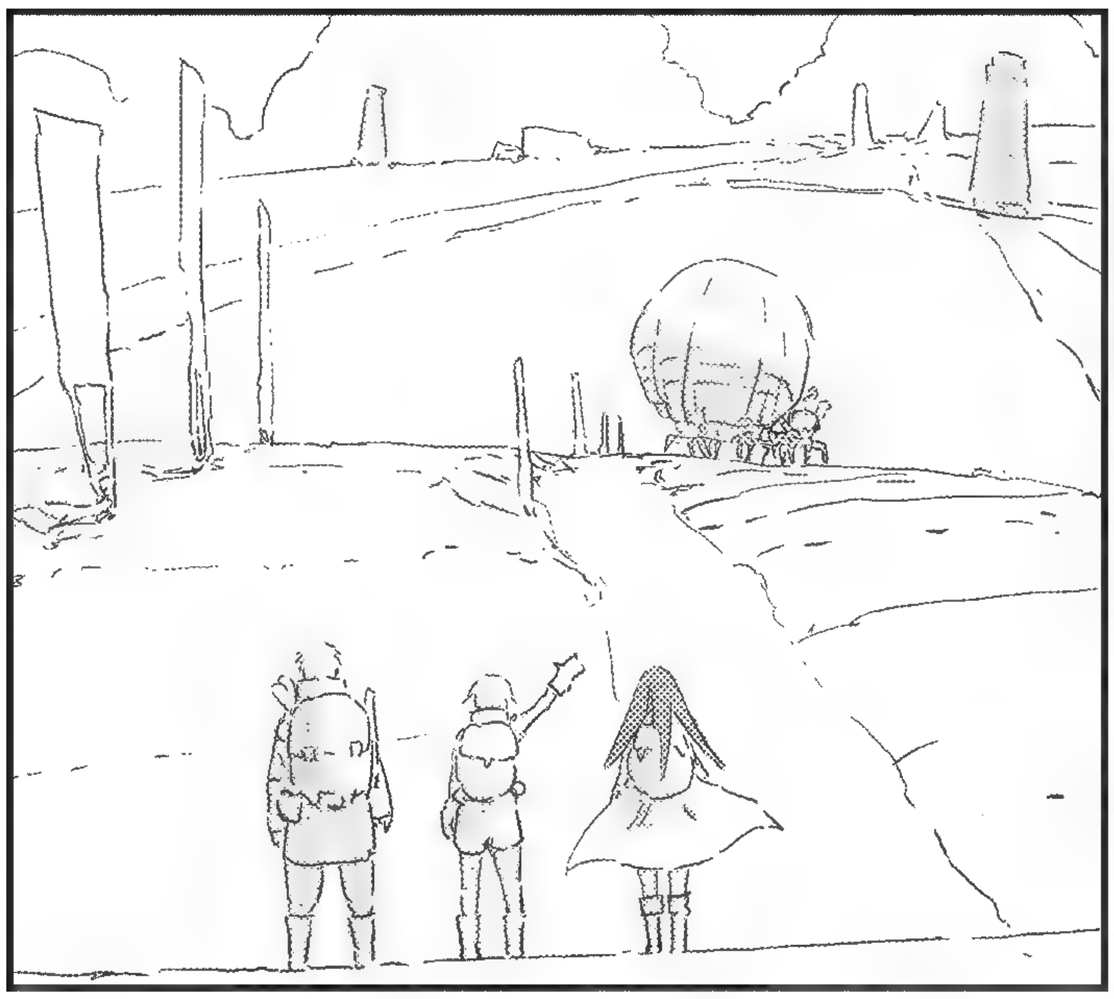

SAFE AND WARM, WITH COMFORTABLE DWELLINGS...
CONDITIONS TO ACQUIRE CITIZENSHIP ARE CURRENTLY RELAXED!


FROM THAT POINT WE ENTER THE EMPIRE PROPER!


WE'RE IN SIGHT OF IT NOW!
LOOK!







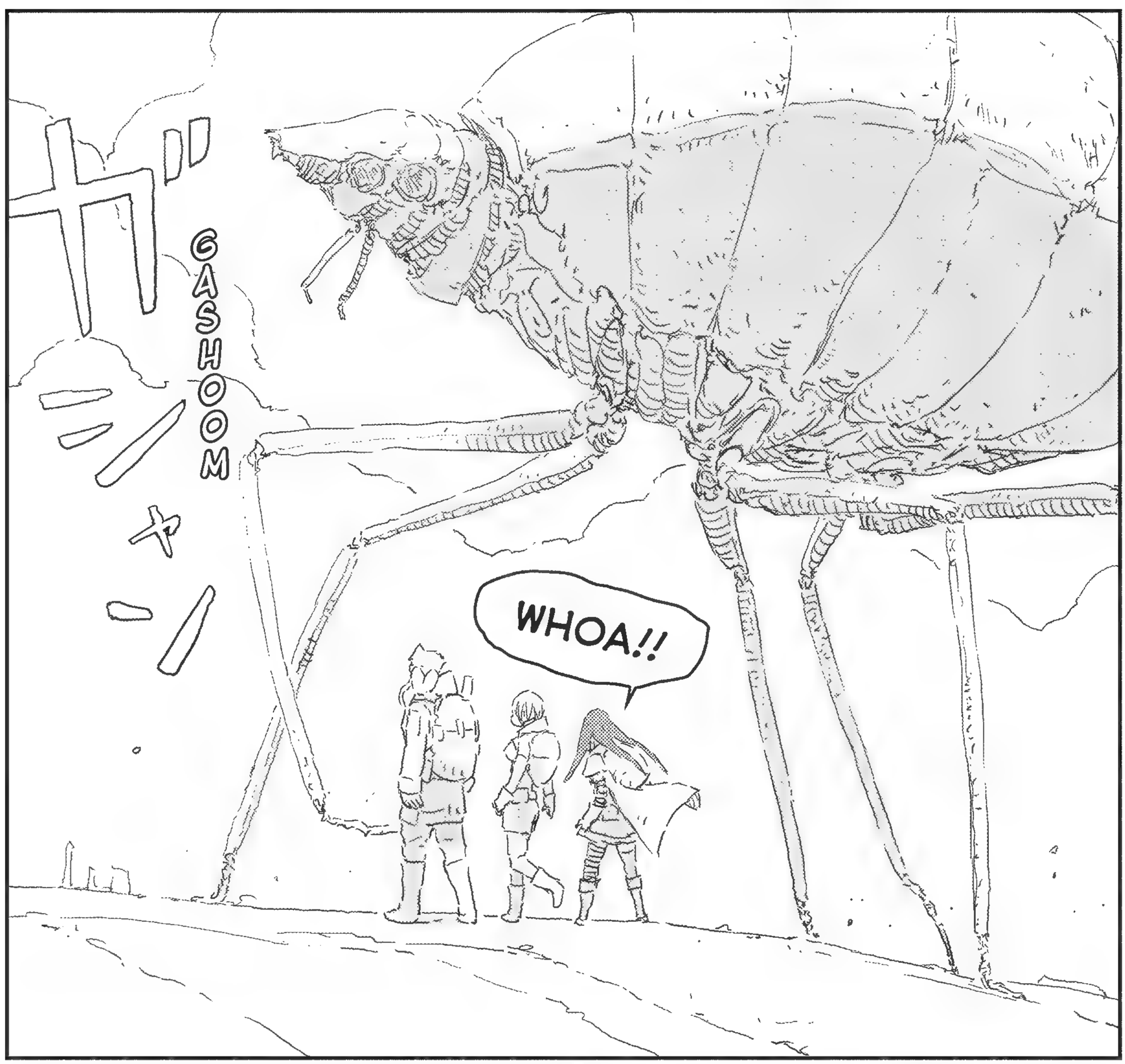
IT IS A BIT ODD, ISN'T IT?

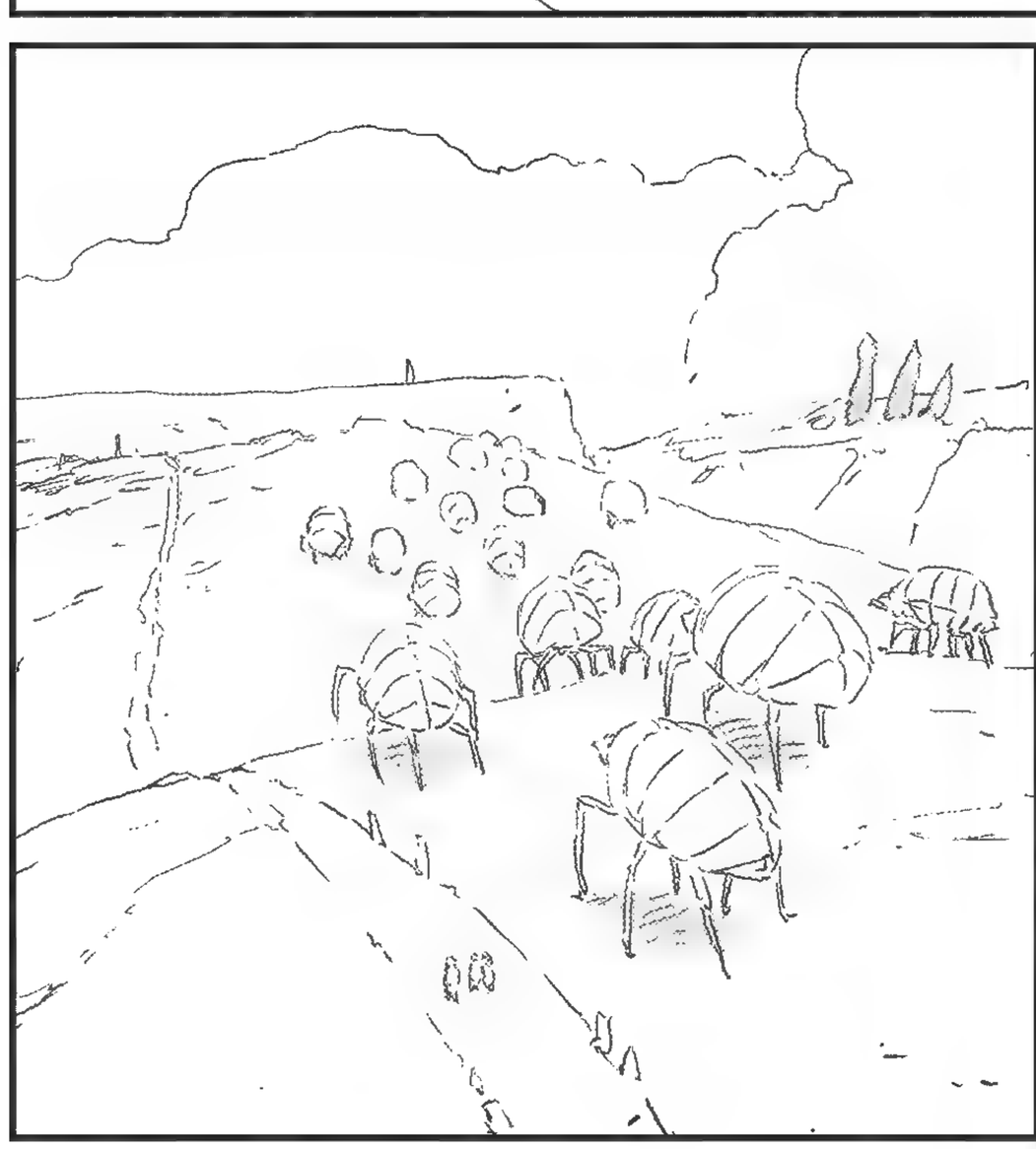
YOU KNOW, WASABU ...

WHAT IS?

I MEAN, I THINK MY DISGUISE

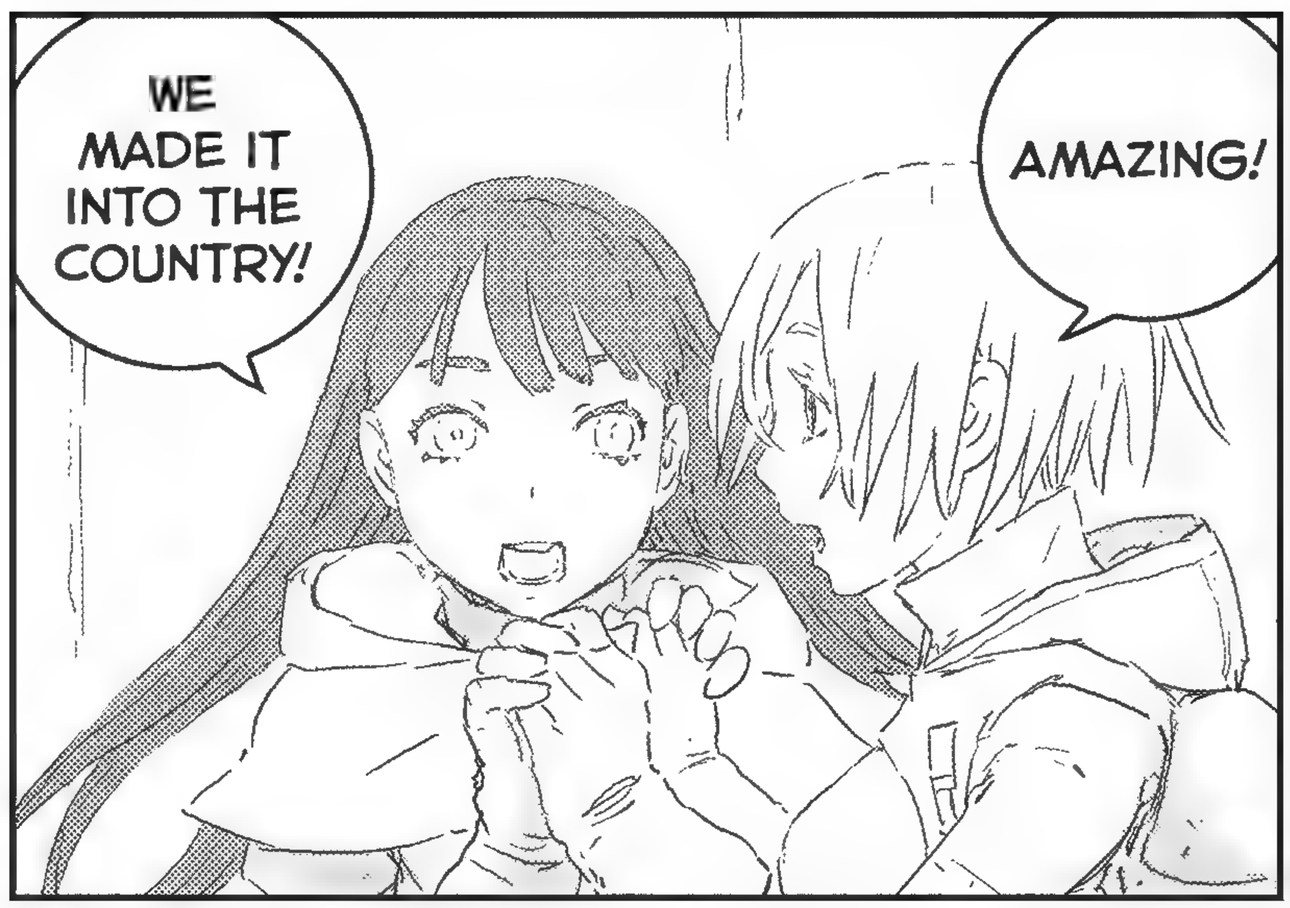
IS MORE PERFECT THAN YOURS.

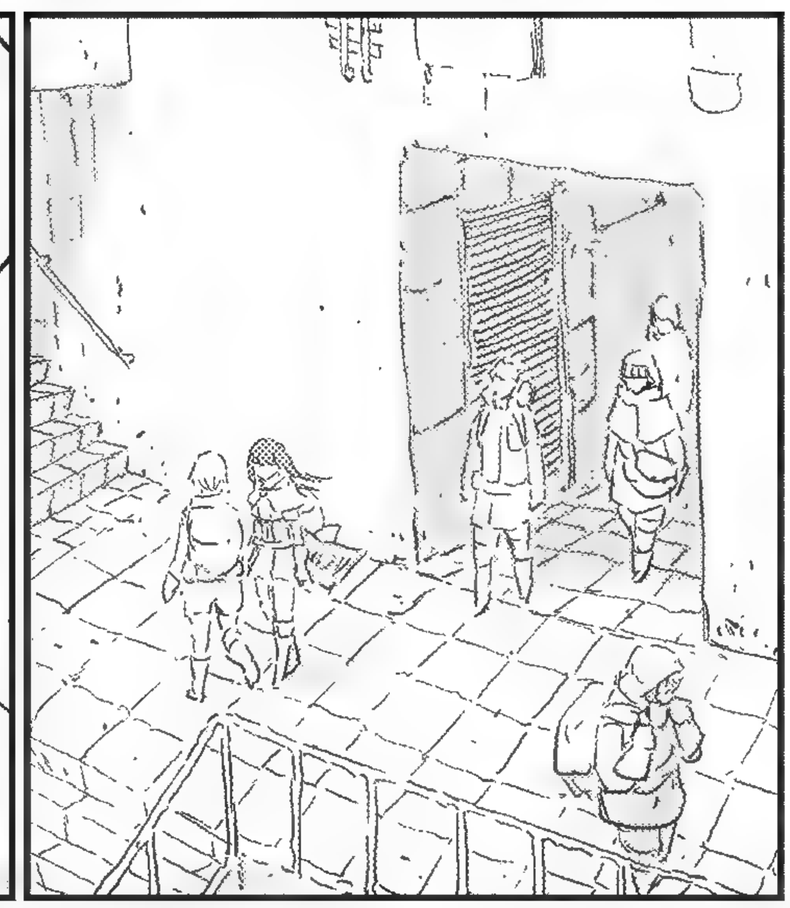

GASHOOM
WHOA!!

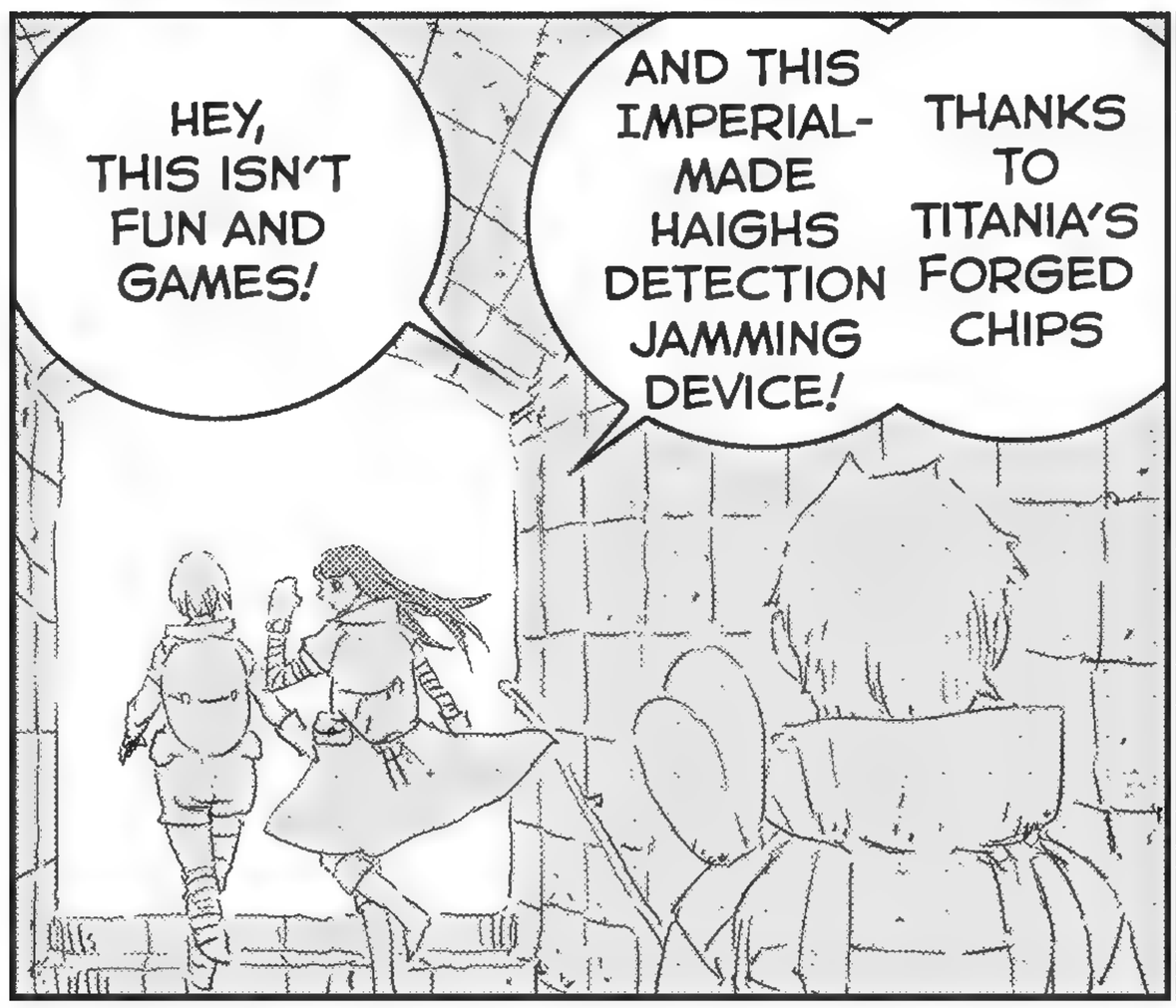


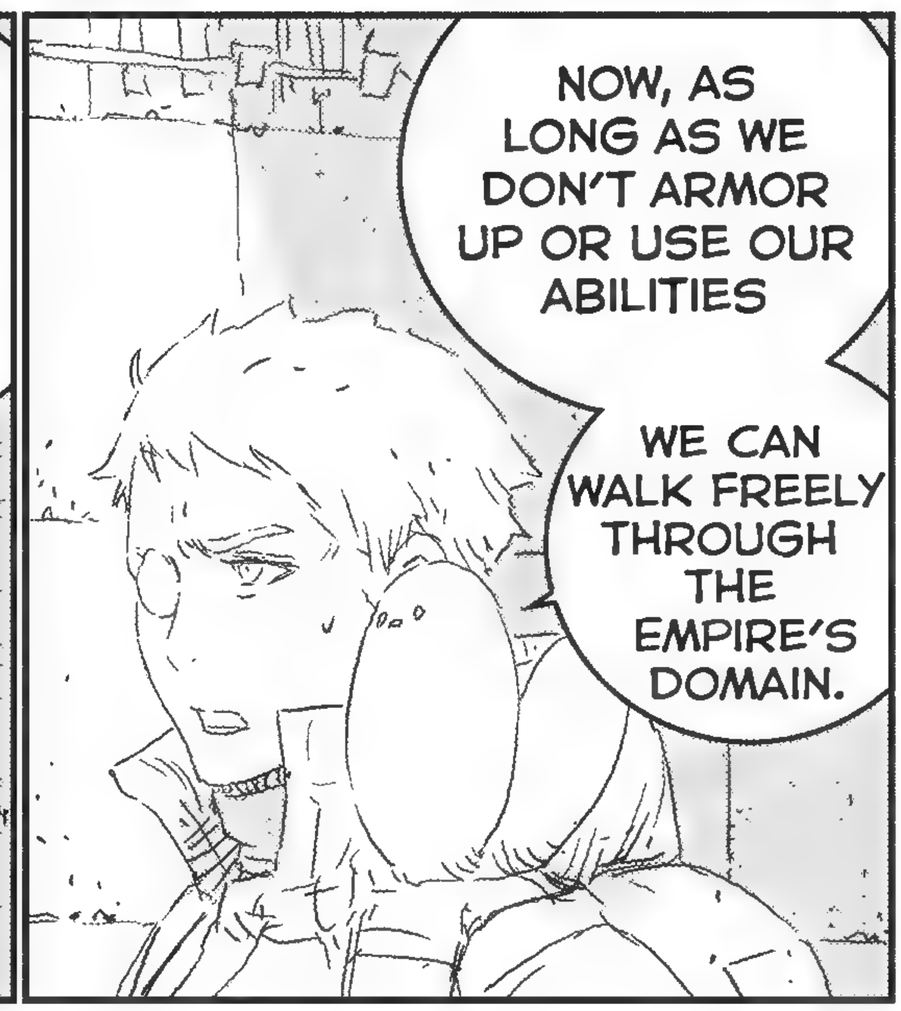
A FROST-PLANE. THEY GRAZE ALL OVER THE EMPIRE.
WHAT IS IT?!

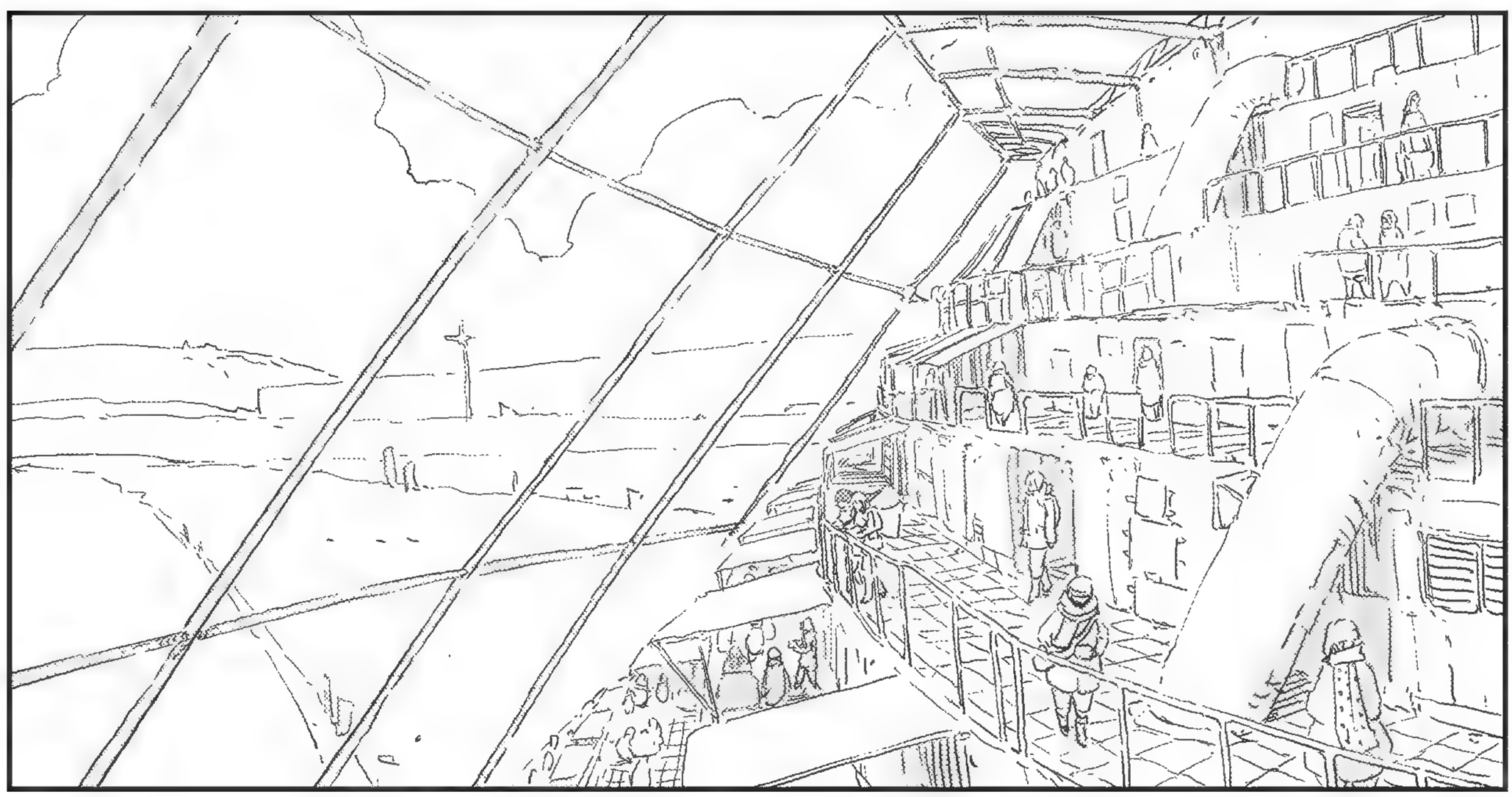
GOOD, THANK YOU.
BEEEP
VERIFICATION OF CITIZENSHIP CHIPS.

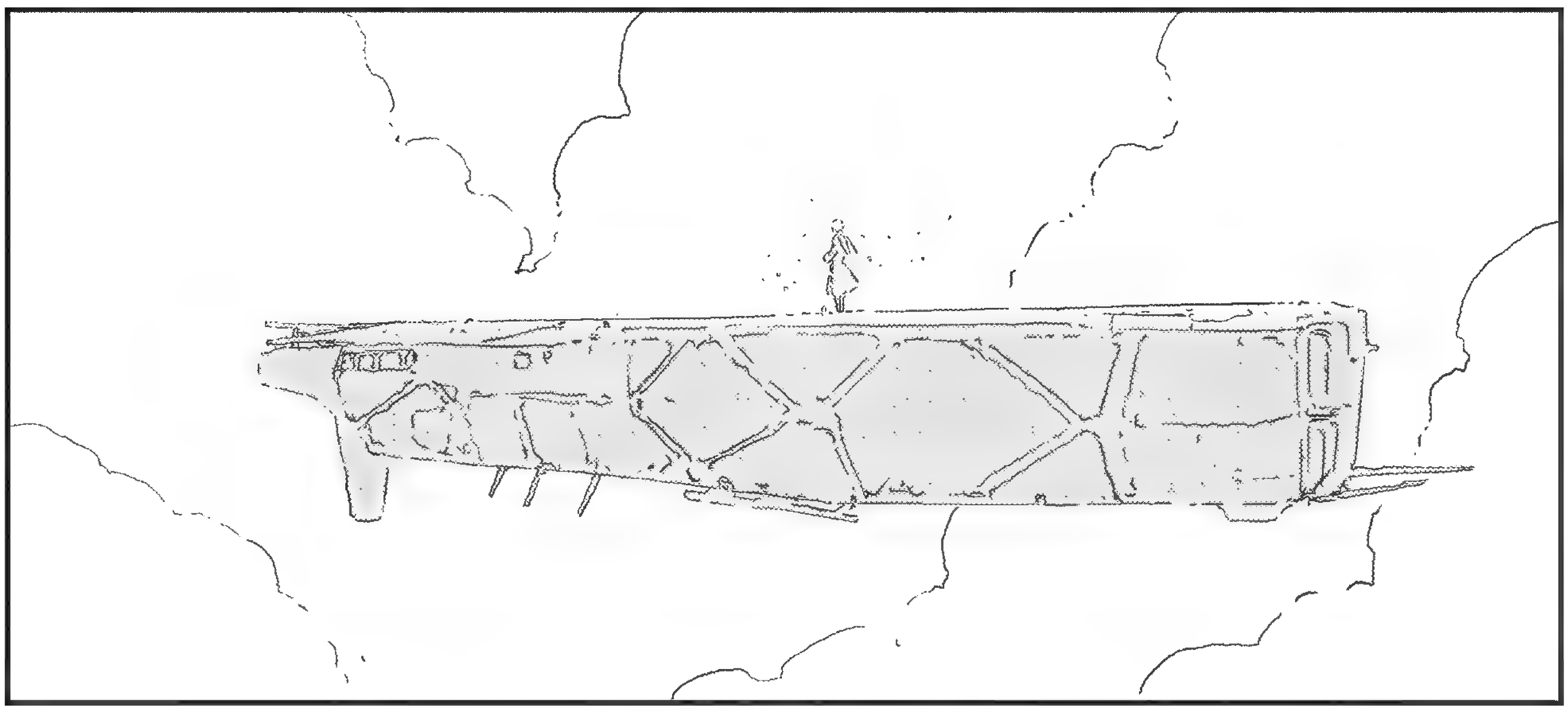

WE MADE IT INTO THE COUNTRY!
AMAZING!

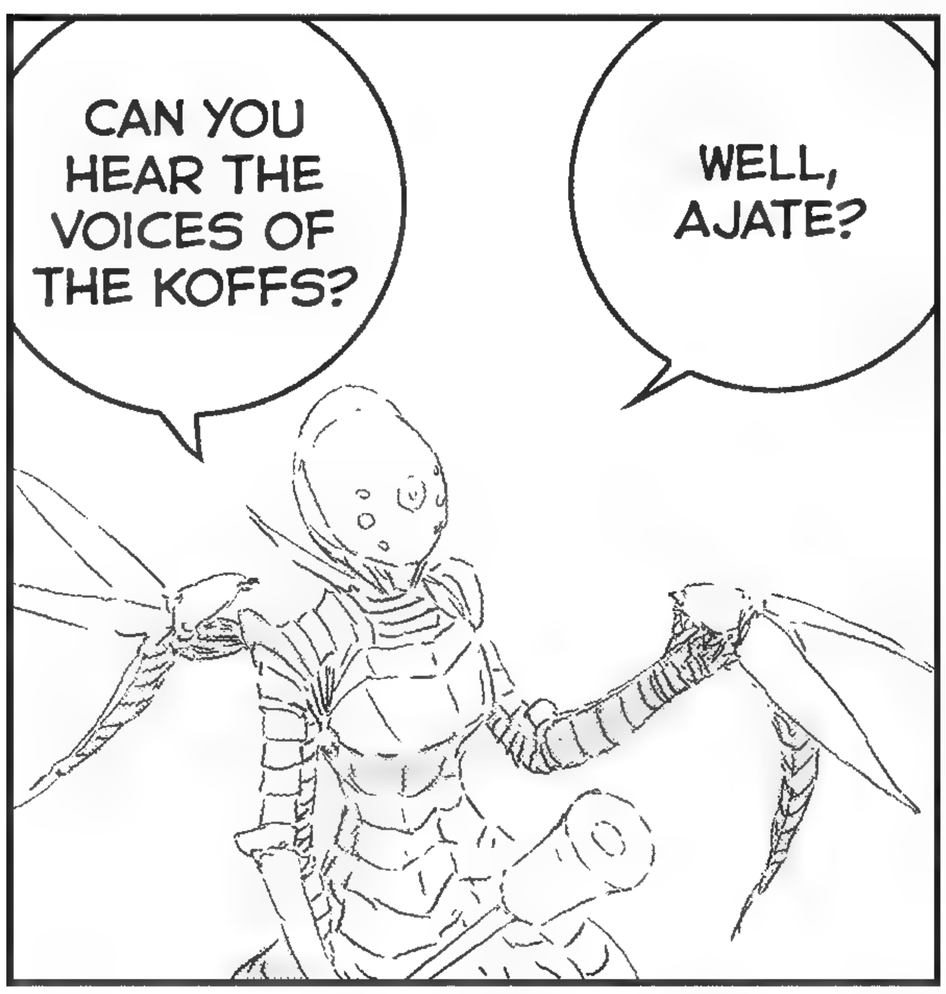


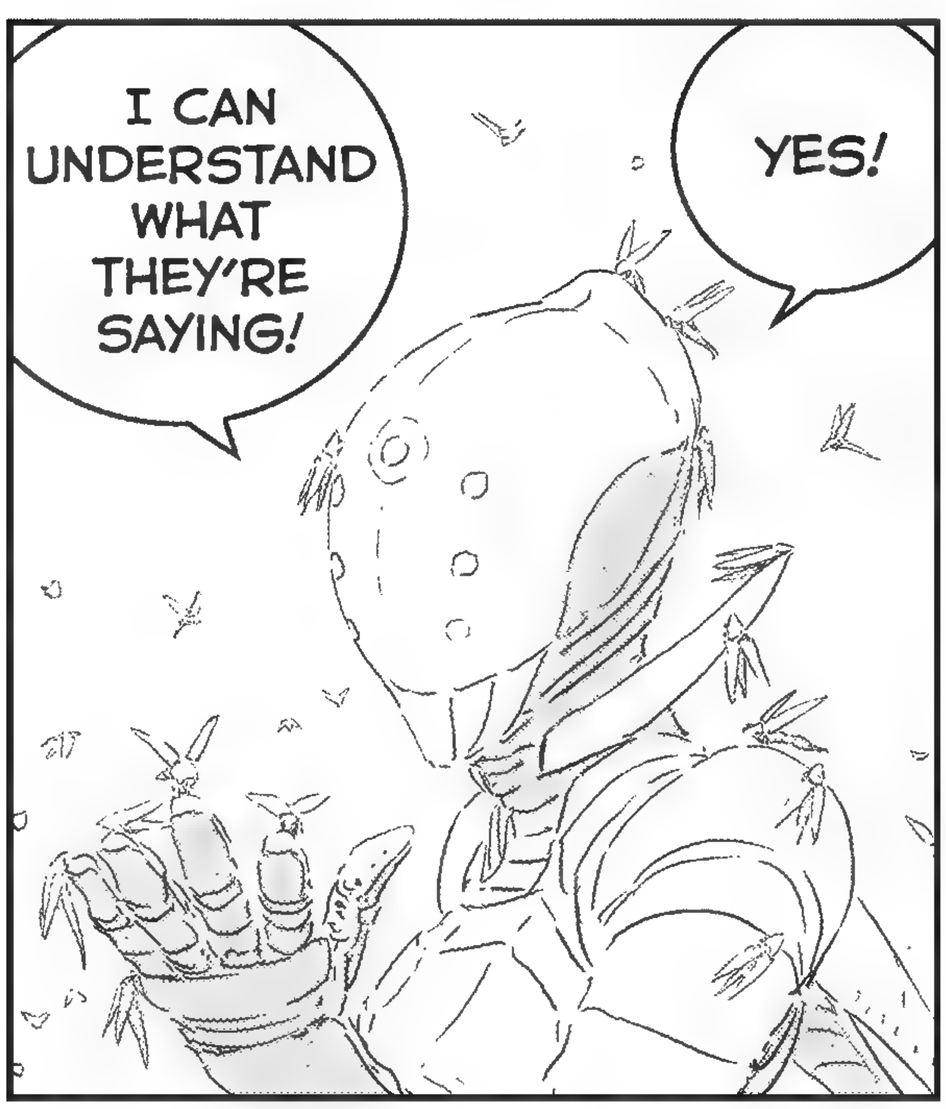

HEY, THIS ISN'T FUN AND GAMES!
AND THIS IMPERIAL-MADE HAIGHS DETECTION JAMMING DEVICE!
THANKS TO TITANIA'S FORGED CHIPS

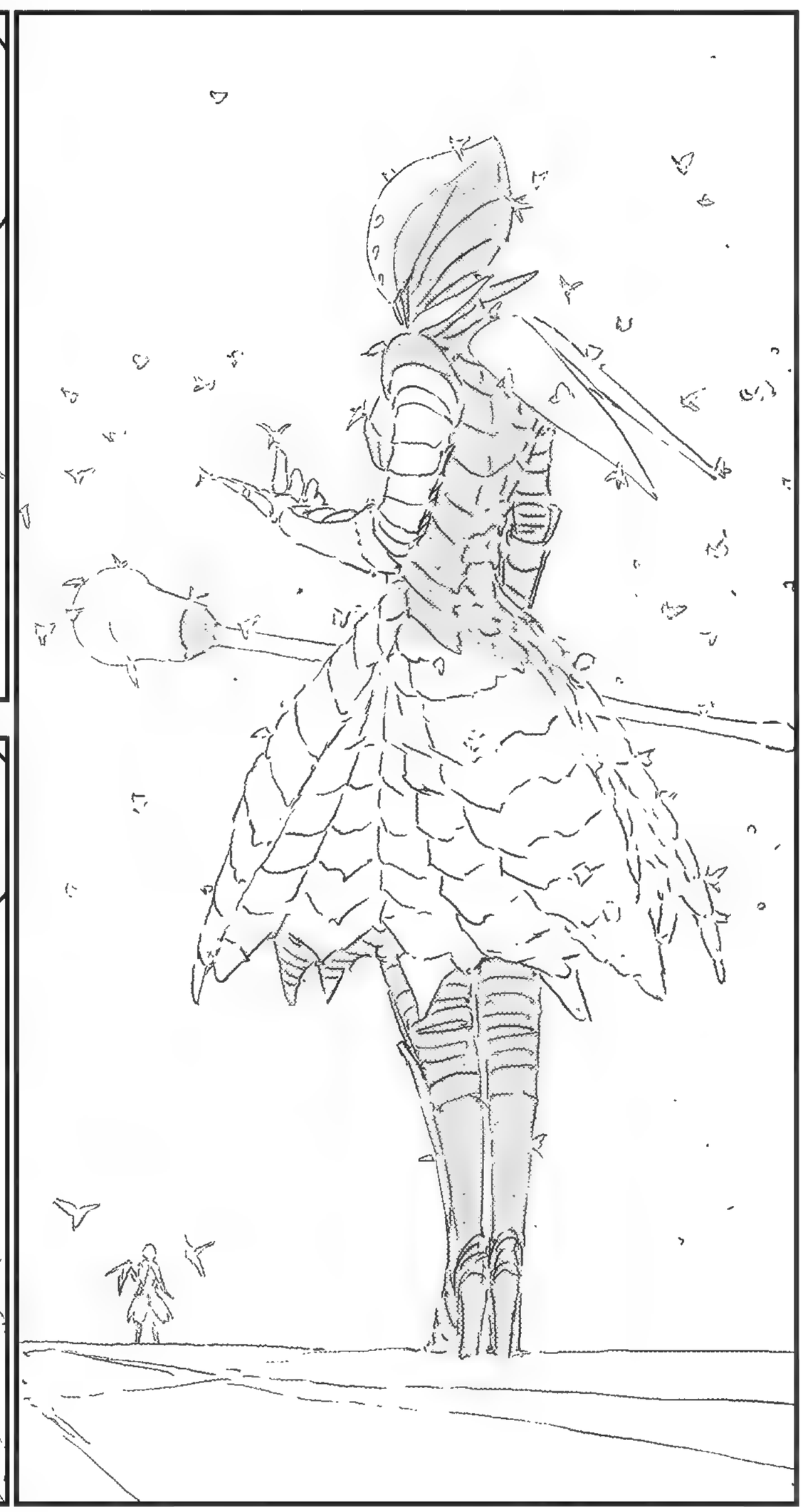

NOW, AS LONG AS WE DON'T ARMOR UP OR USE OUR ABILITIES
WE CAN WALK FREELY THROUGH THE EMPIRE'S DOMAIN.

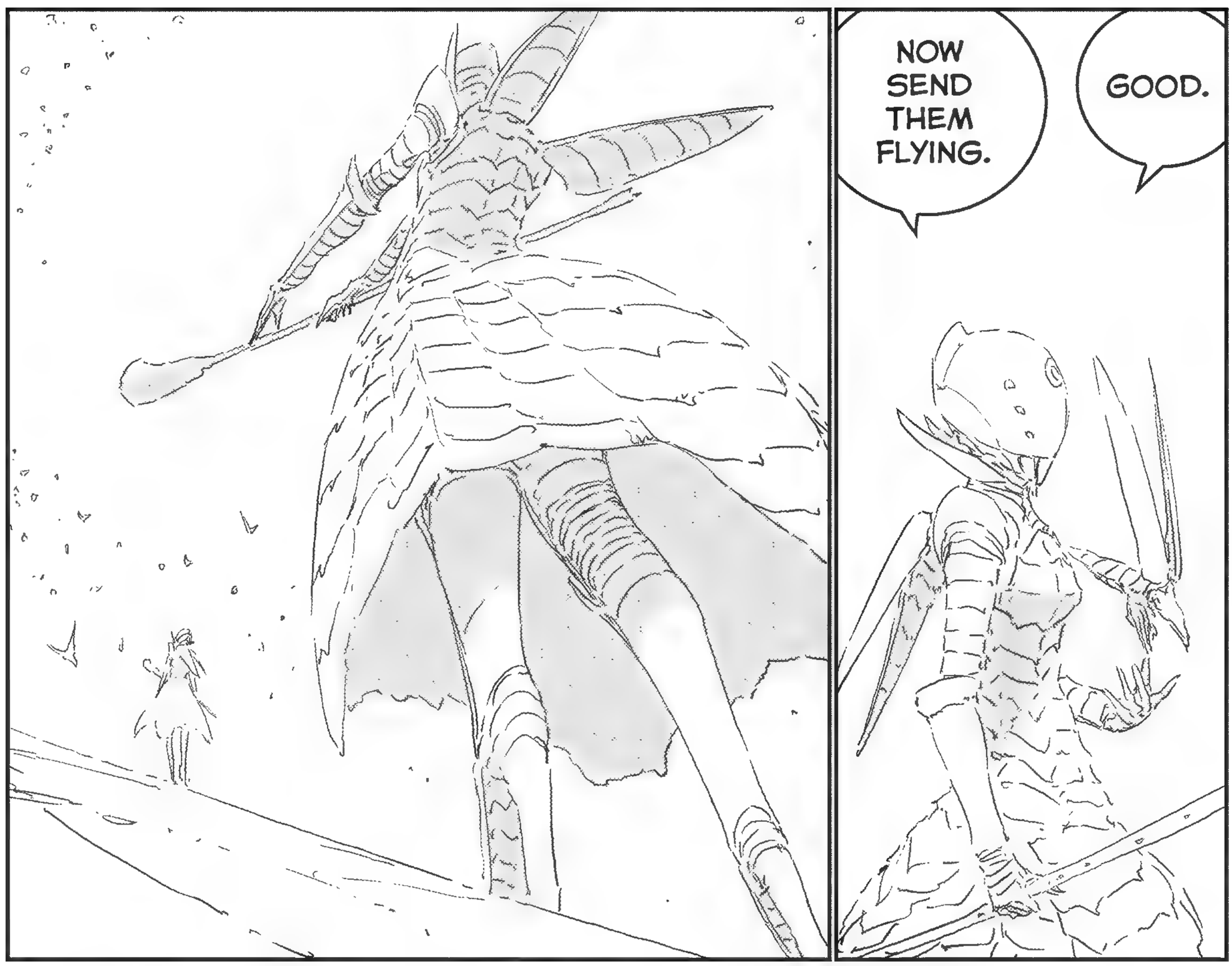


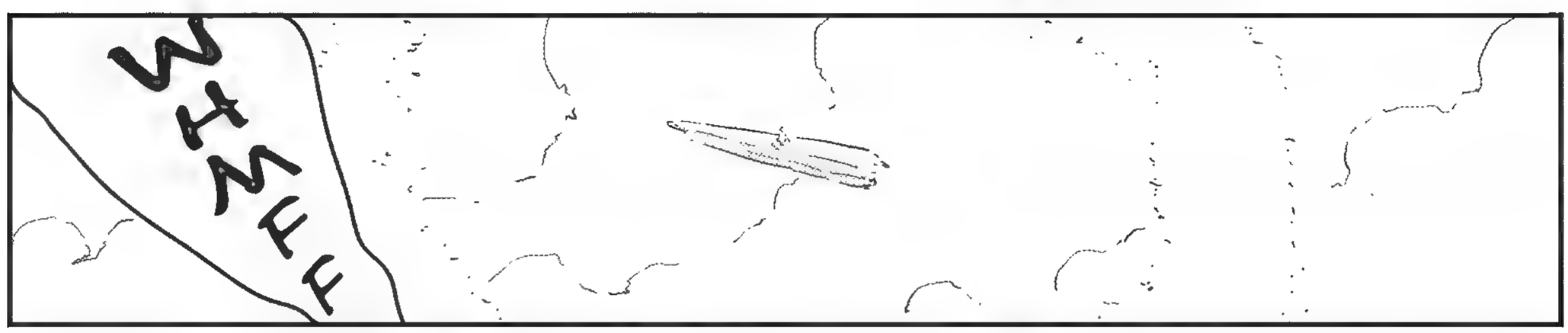



CAN YOU HEAR THE VOICES OF THE KOFFS?
WELL, AJATE?


I CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE SAYING!
YES!



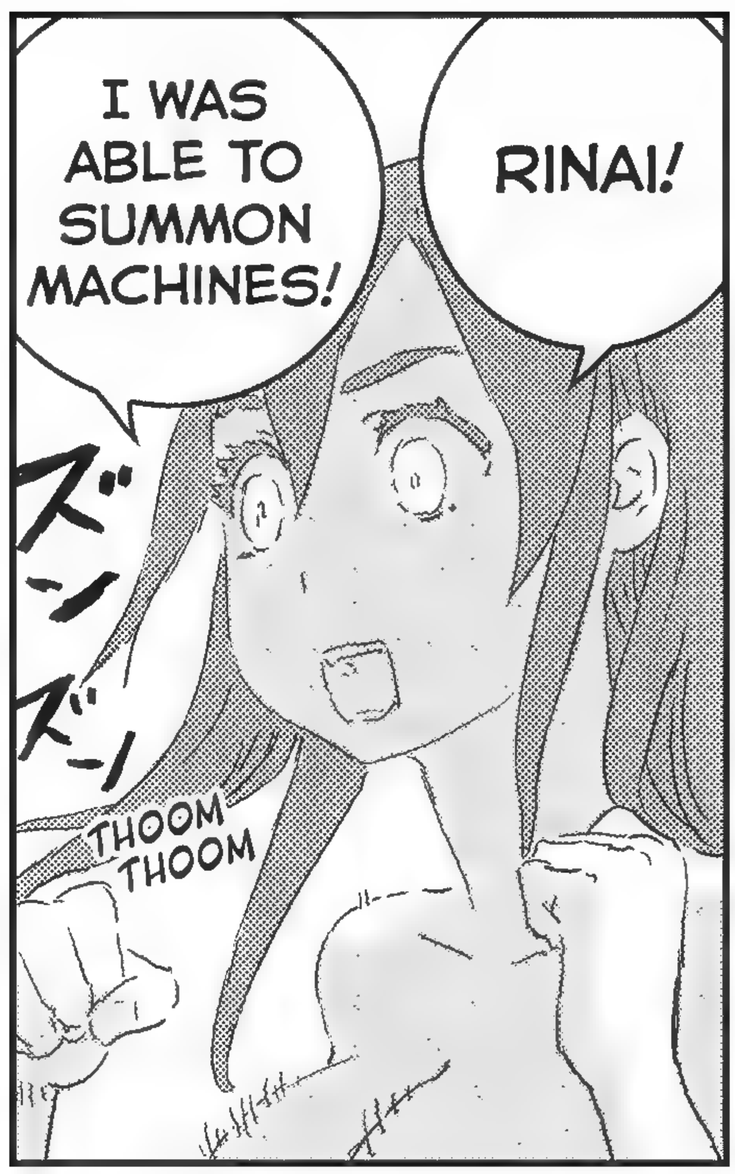

NOW SEND THEM FLYING.
GOOD.

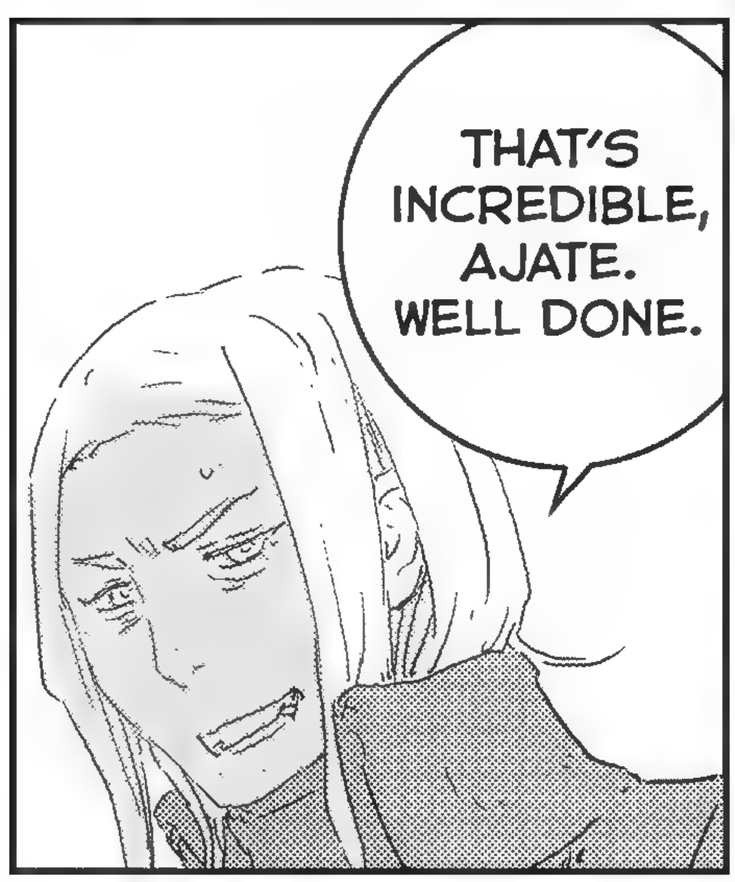

WHISH

JATE!

WHHSSH

GOOD LUCK!
WHRRSH


I WAS ABLE TO SUMMON MACHINES!
RINAI!
ズーン
THOOM THOOM

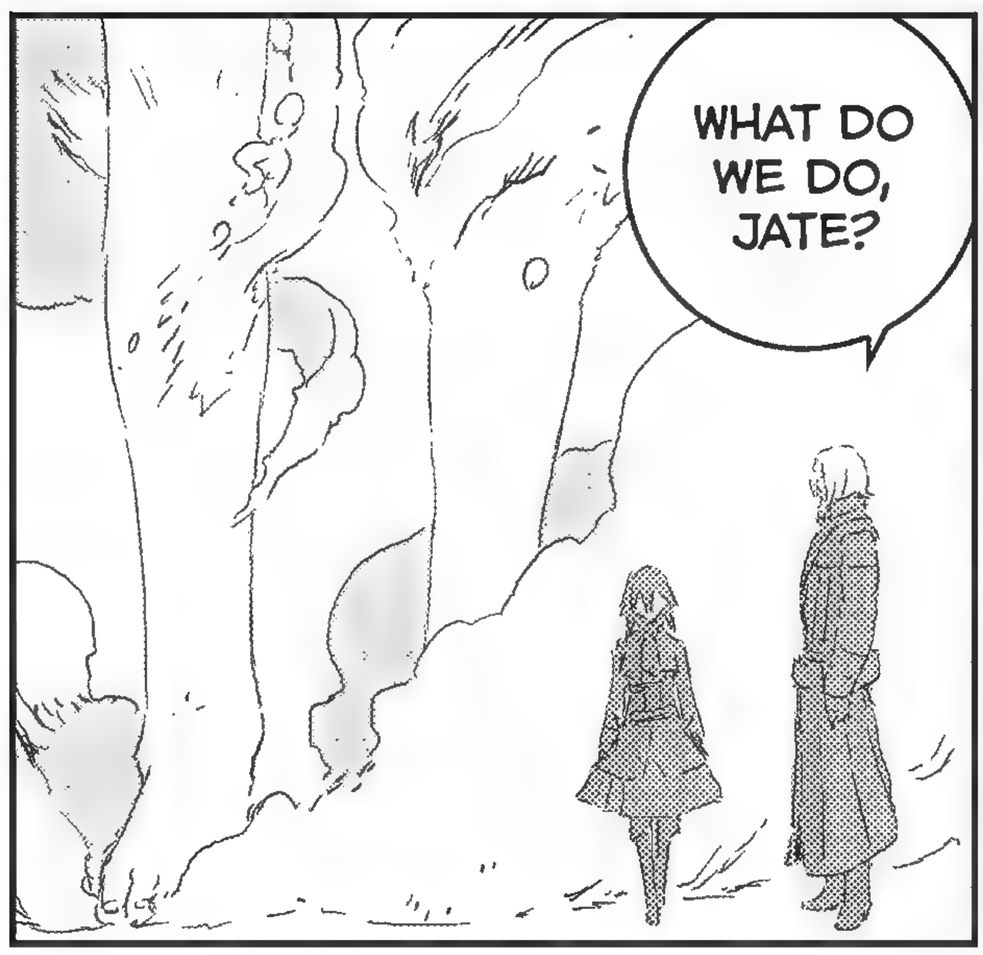

THAT'S INCREDIBLE, AJATE. WELL DONE.

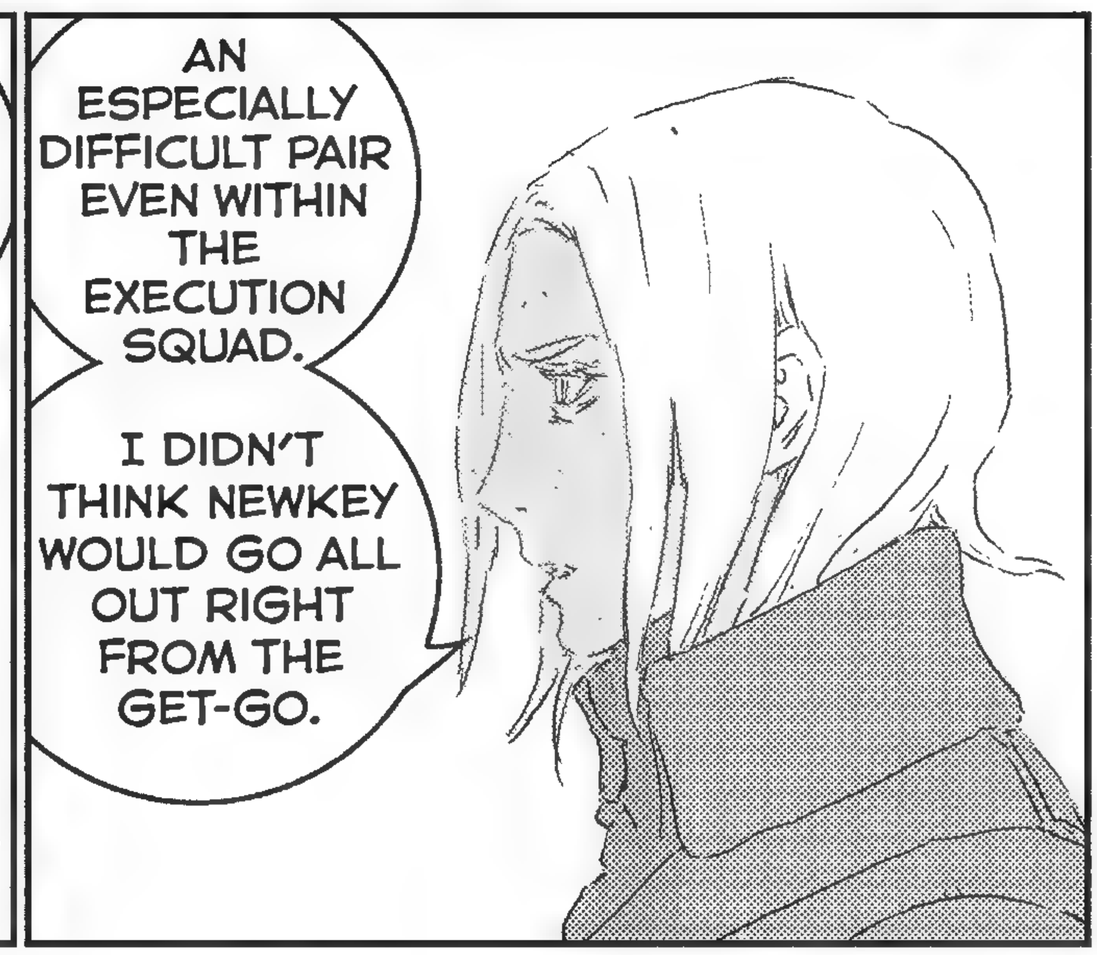
YOU'VE FORGOTTEN TO MAKE CLOTHES.
AJATE.

WHOA!

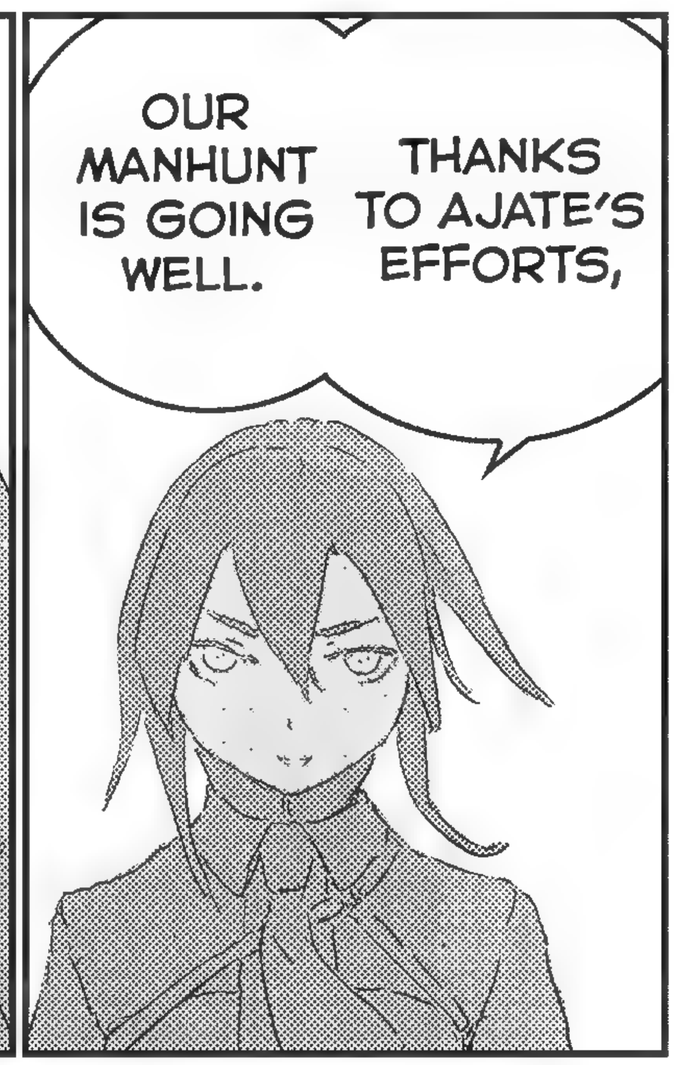
IT'S ZUDORUI AND KUDOBA.

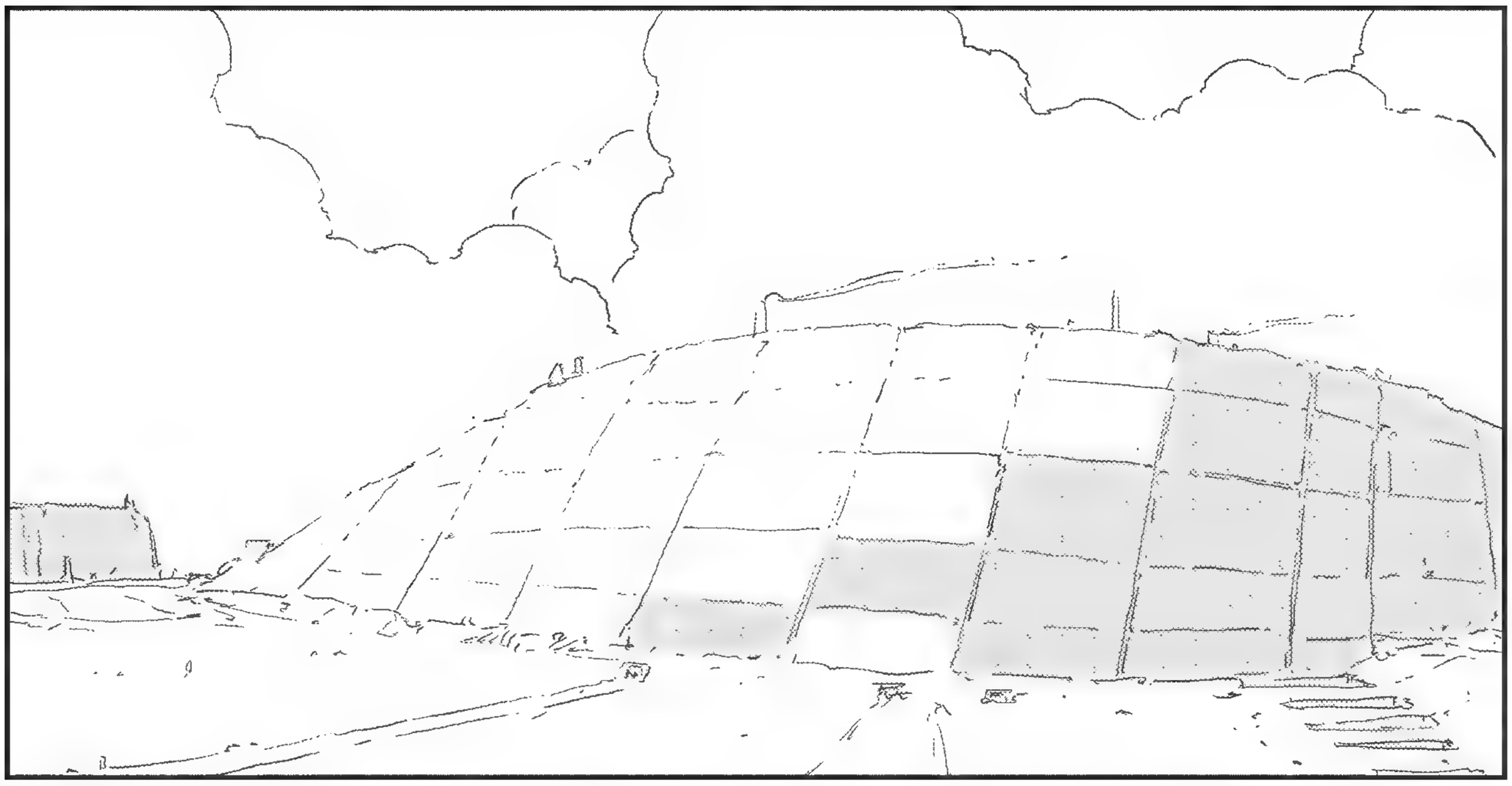
I'VE LEARNED WHO THE REINCARNATEDS ARE THAT WERE SENT OUT TO HUNT DOWN ETHEROW.

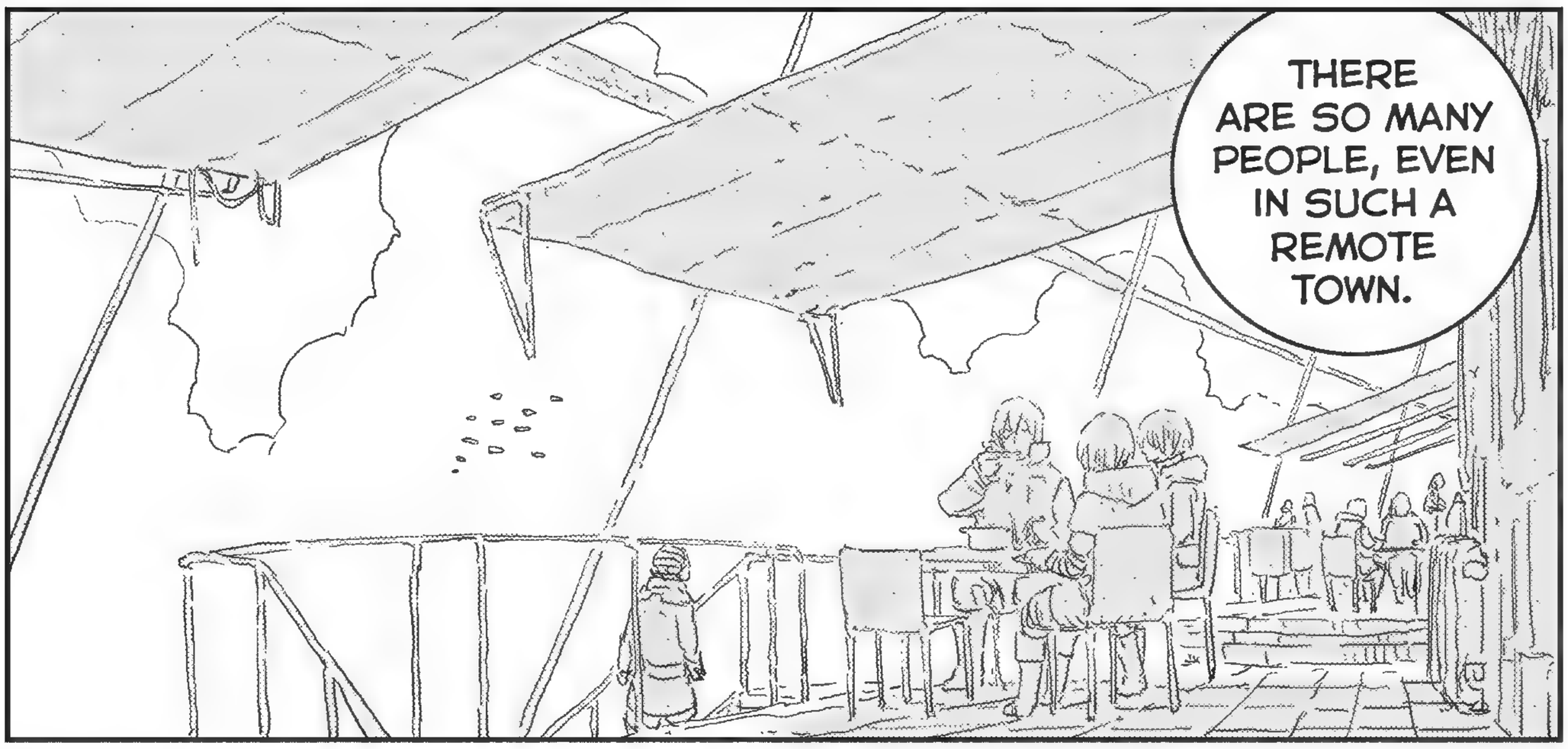

WHAT DO WE DO, JATE?

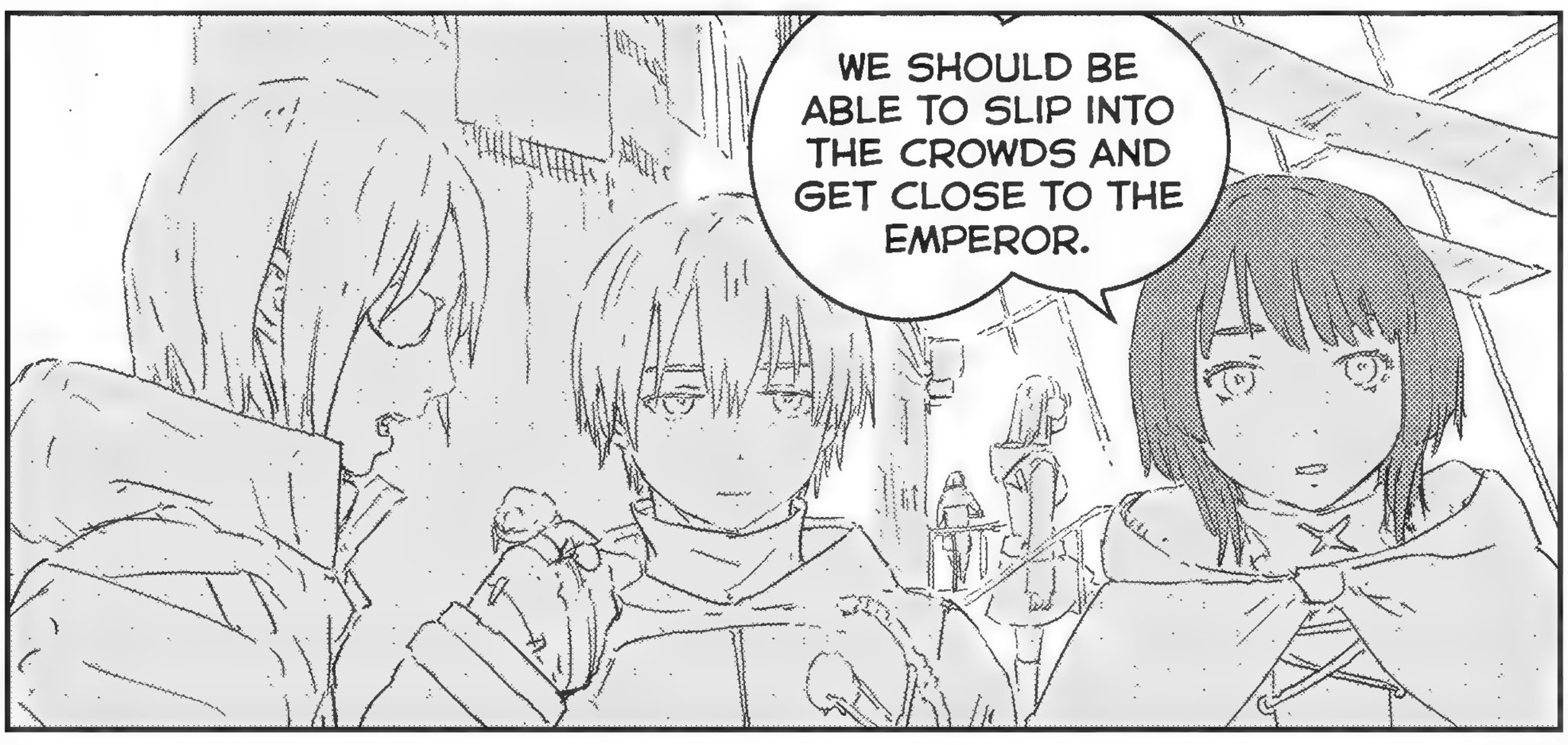

AN ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT PAIR EVEN WITHIN THE EXECUTION SQUAD.
I DIDN'T THINK NEWKEY WOULD GO ALL OUT RIGHT FROM THE GET-GO.

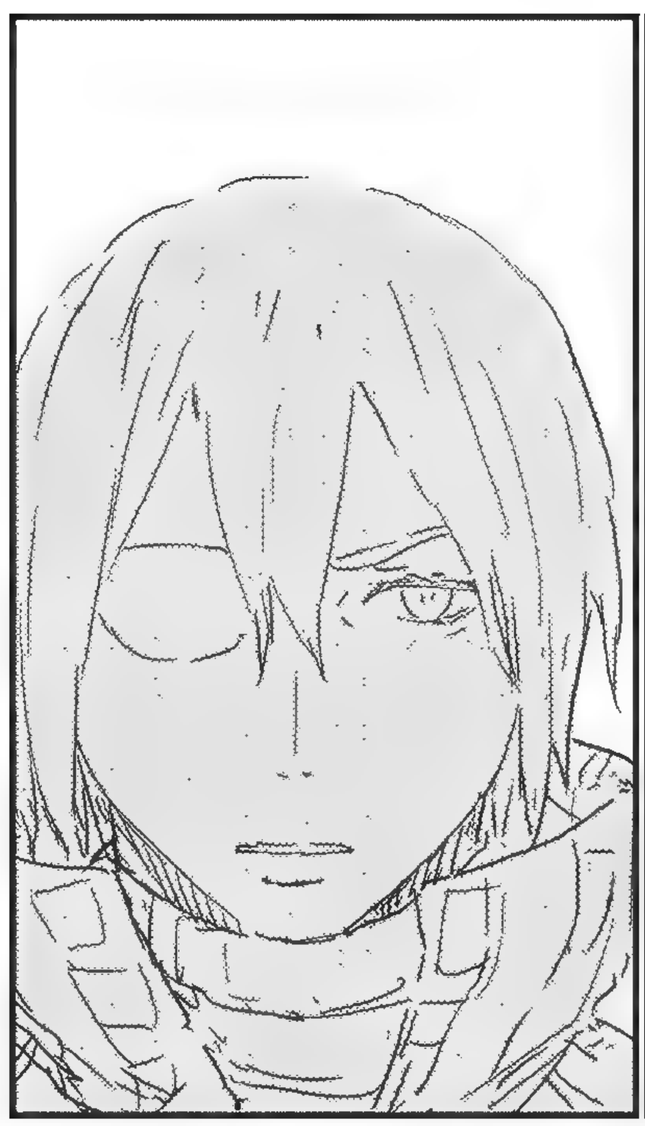
WE'LL MAKE A MOVE BEFORE THEY OVERTAKE US.

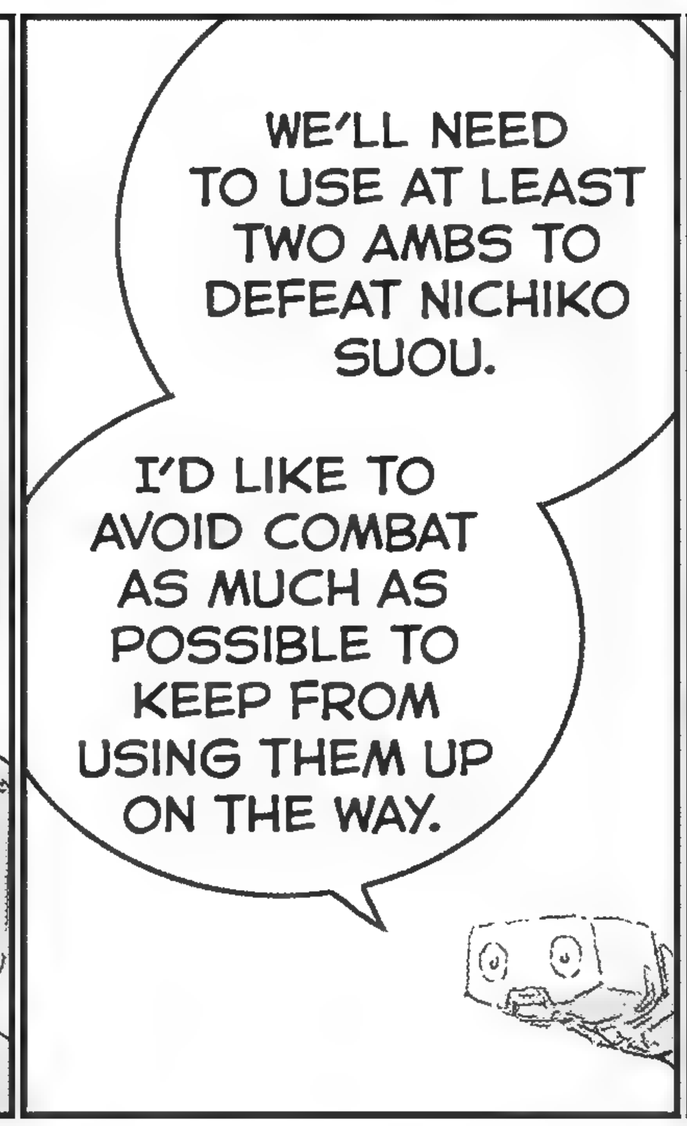

OUR MANHUNT IS GOING WELL.
THANKS TO AJATE'S EFFORTS,




THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE, EVEN IN SUCH A REMOTE TOWN.

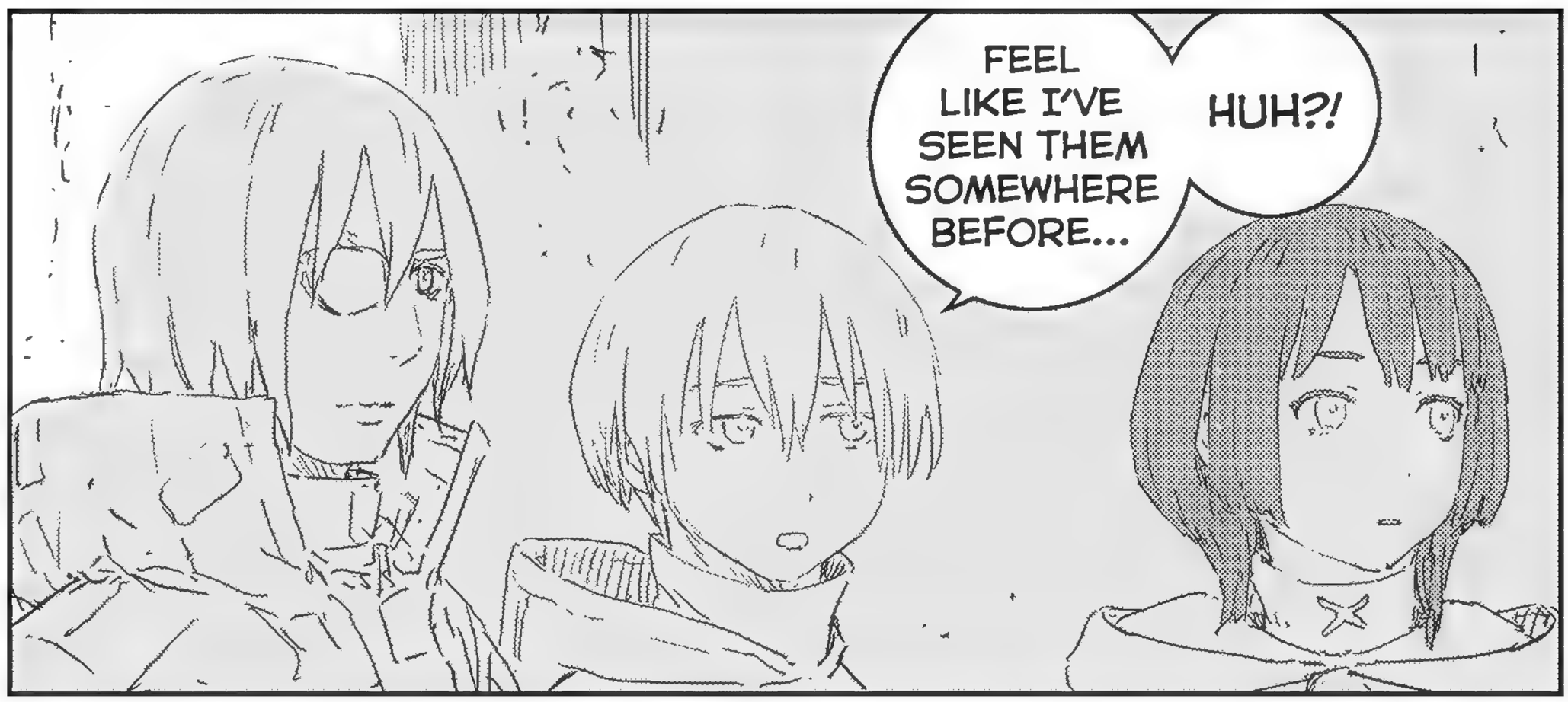

WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SLIP INTO THE CROWDS AND GET CLOSE TO THE EMPEROR.

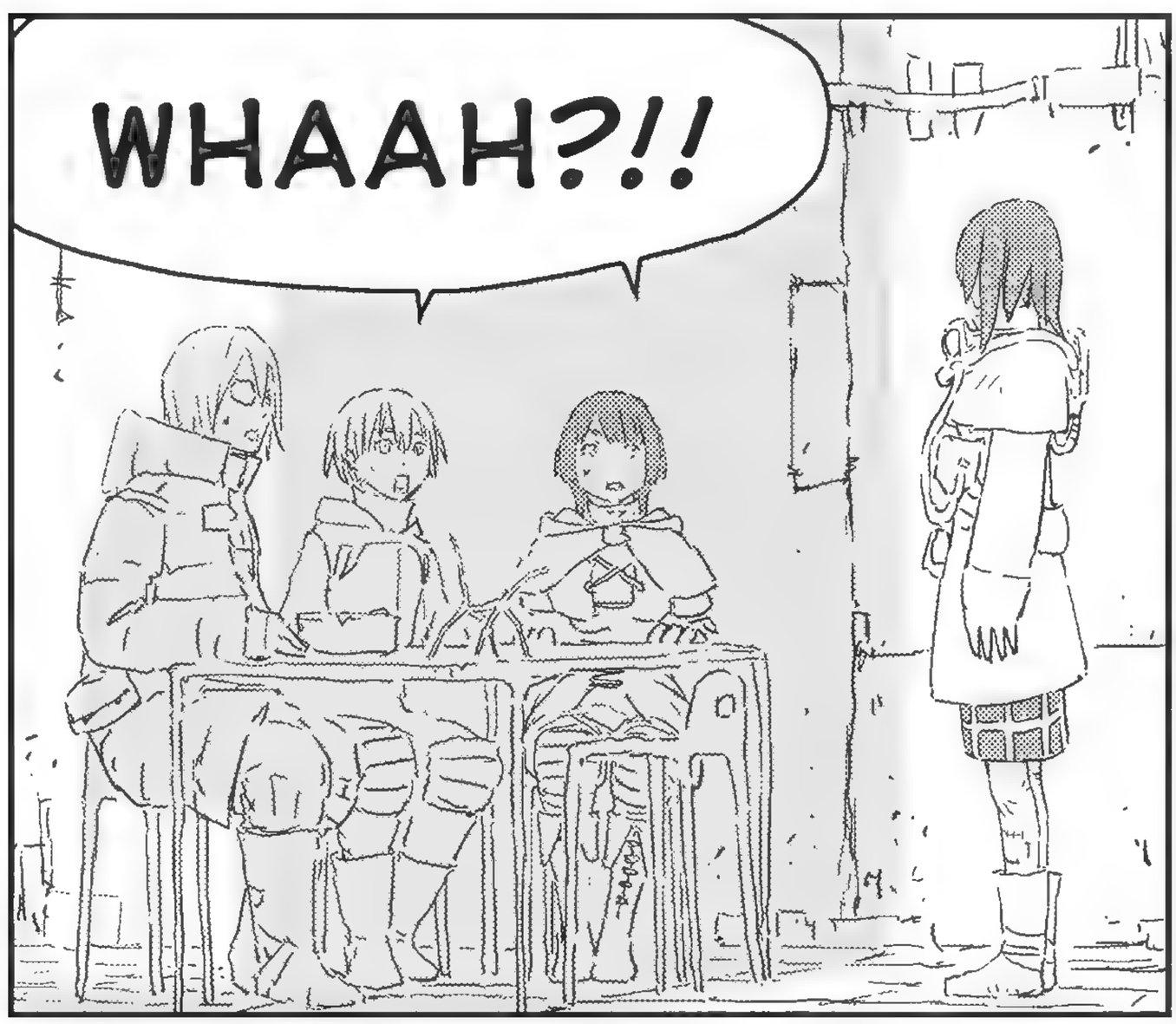


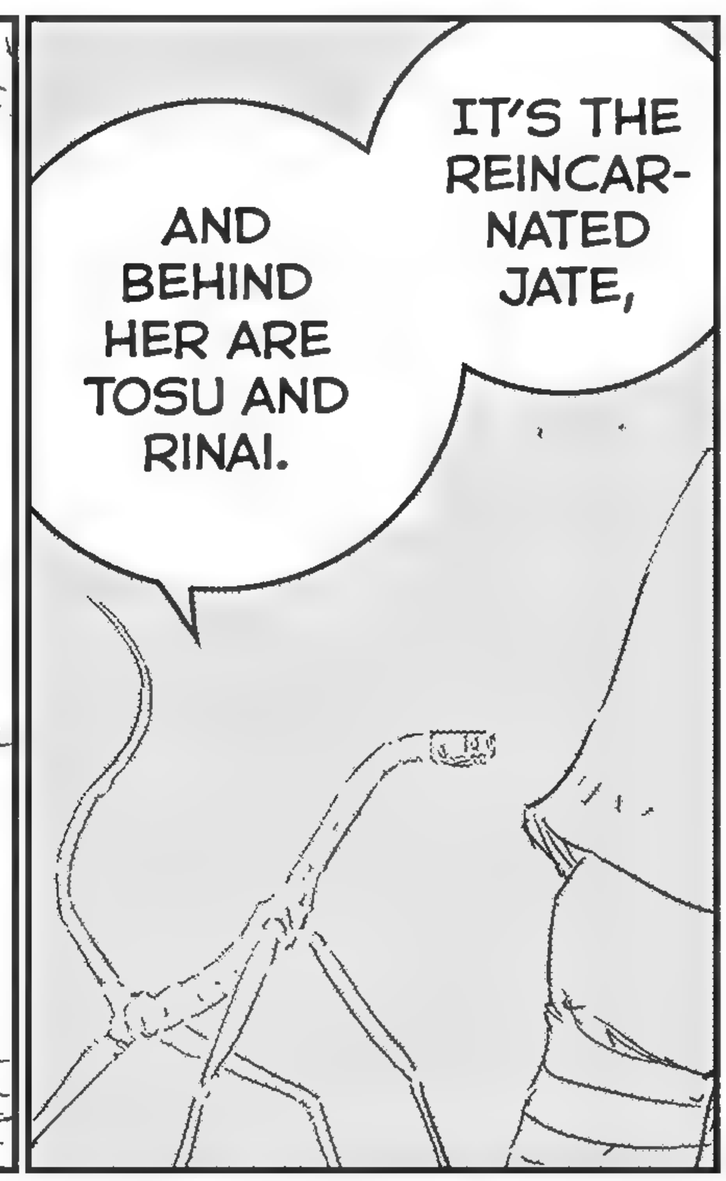

WE'LL NEED TO USE AT LEAST TWO AMBS TO DEFEAT NICHIKO SUOU.
I'D LIKE TO AVOID COMBAT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO KEEP FROM USING THEM UP ON THE WAY.

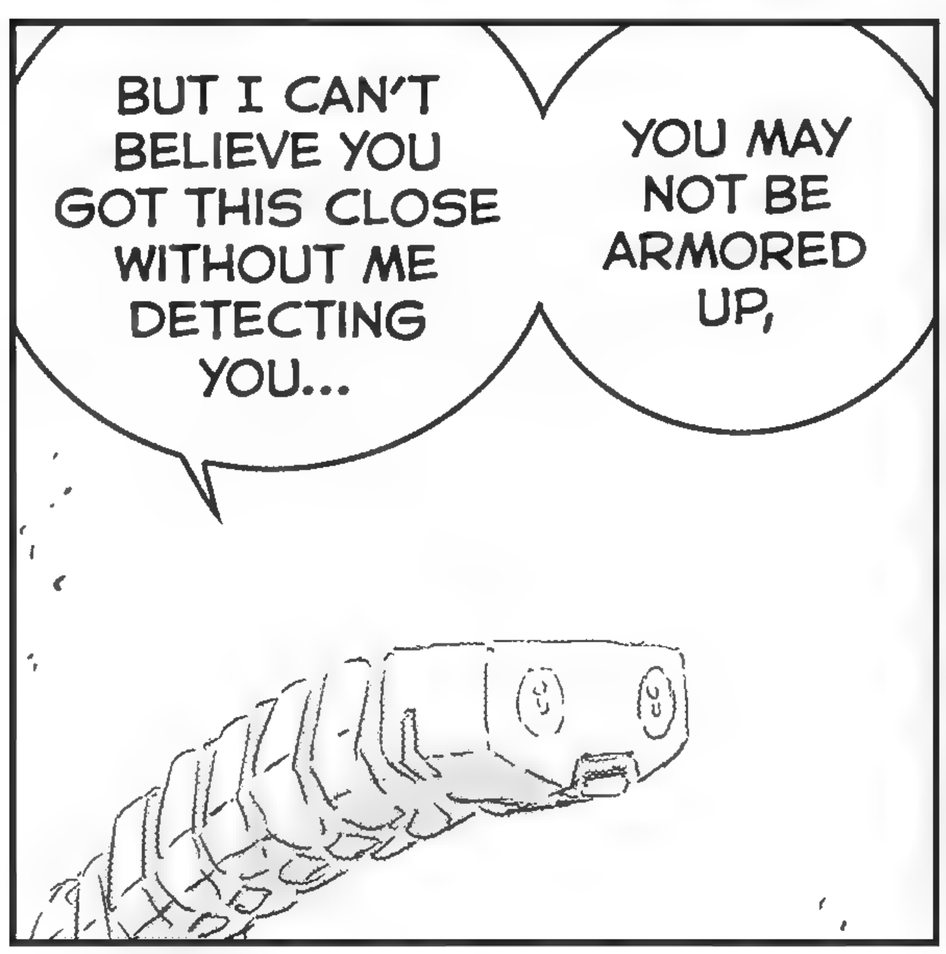
IT'S SOMETHING THAT SELDOM HAPPENS INSIDE THE EMPIRE PROPER.
BUT IF WE START A FIGHT, WE'LL BE INCREDIBLY CONSPICUOUS.

MIND IF WE JOIN YOU?


FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN THEM SOMEWHERE BEFORE...
HUH?!


WHAAH?!!

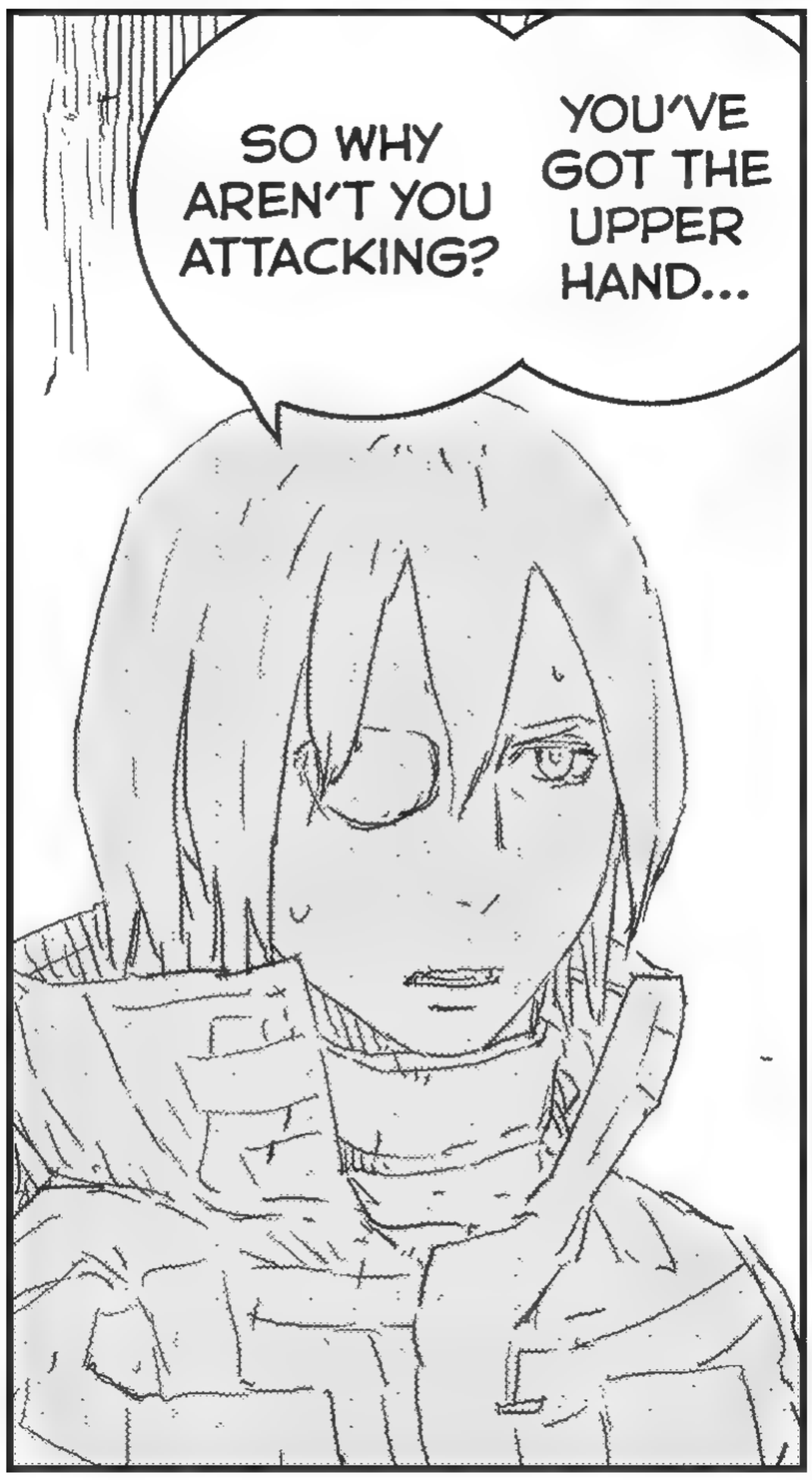

IT'S THE REINCAR-NATED JATE,
AND BEHIND HER ARE TOSU AND RINAI.

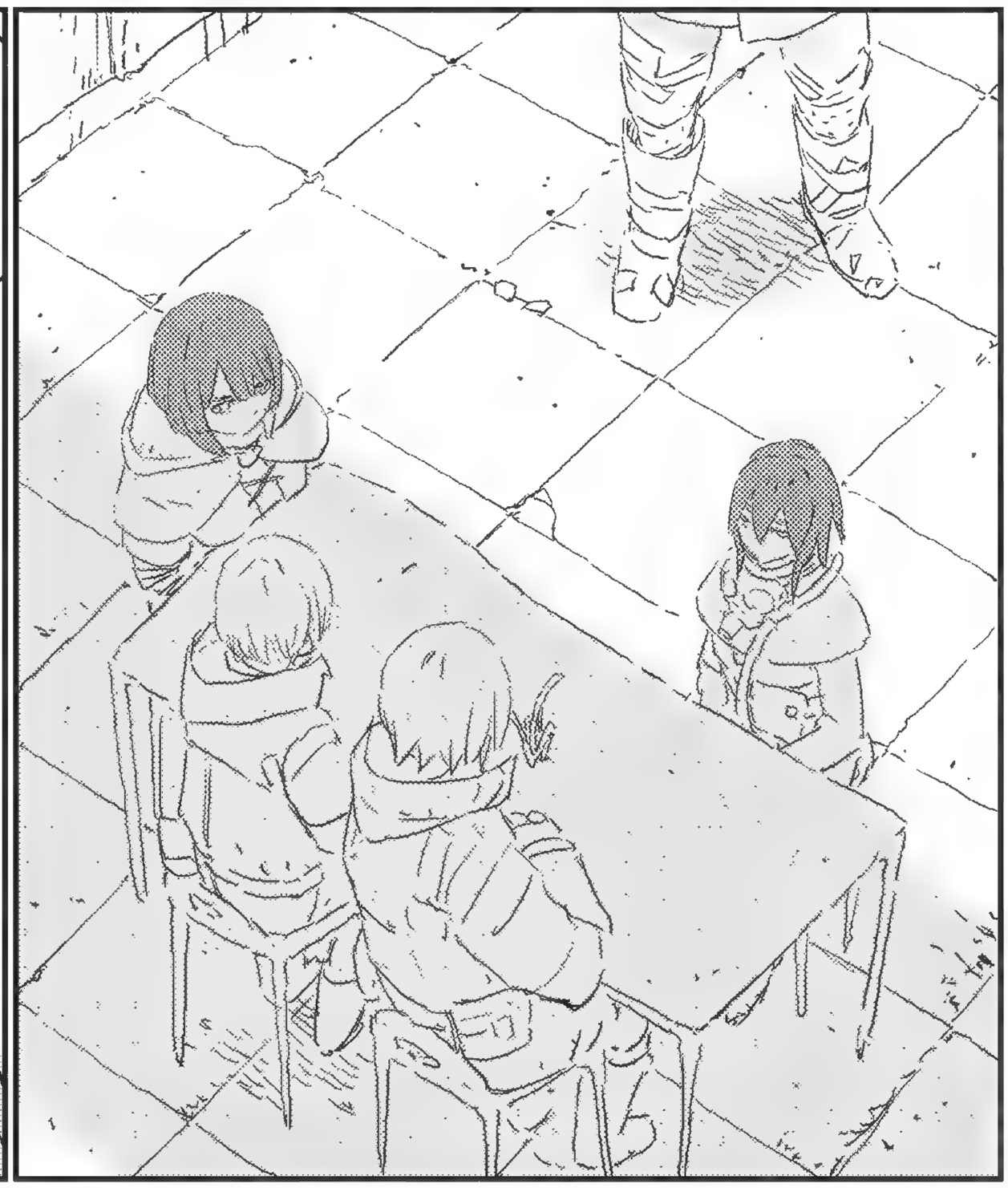

BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GOT THIS CLOSE WITHOUT ME DETECTING YOU...
YOU MAY NOT BE ARMORED UP,

WE'RE JUST HERE TO TALK.
DON'T MAKE A SCENE.

WE'VE LEFT MOST OF OUR PLACENTA BEHIND.

WE'RE UNARMED.





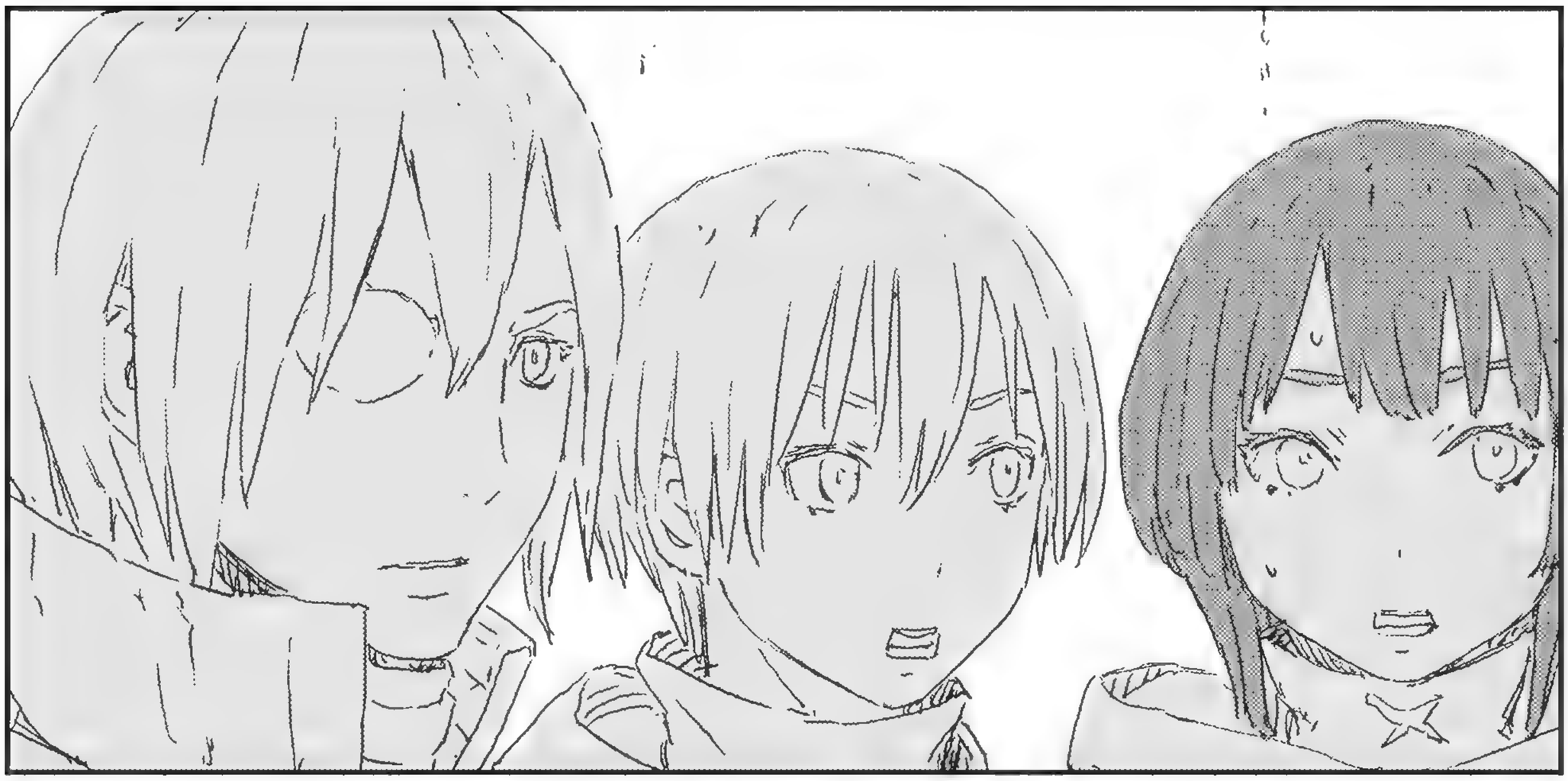
WHEN YOU BUTCHER NON-COMBATANTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES INDISCRIMINATELY ?!
COME AGAIN ?!

SO WE CAN HAVE A PEACEFUL NEGOTIA-TION,
AND WE DON'T WANT TO GET IMPERIAL CITIZENS CAUGHT UP IN A BATTLE.

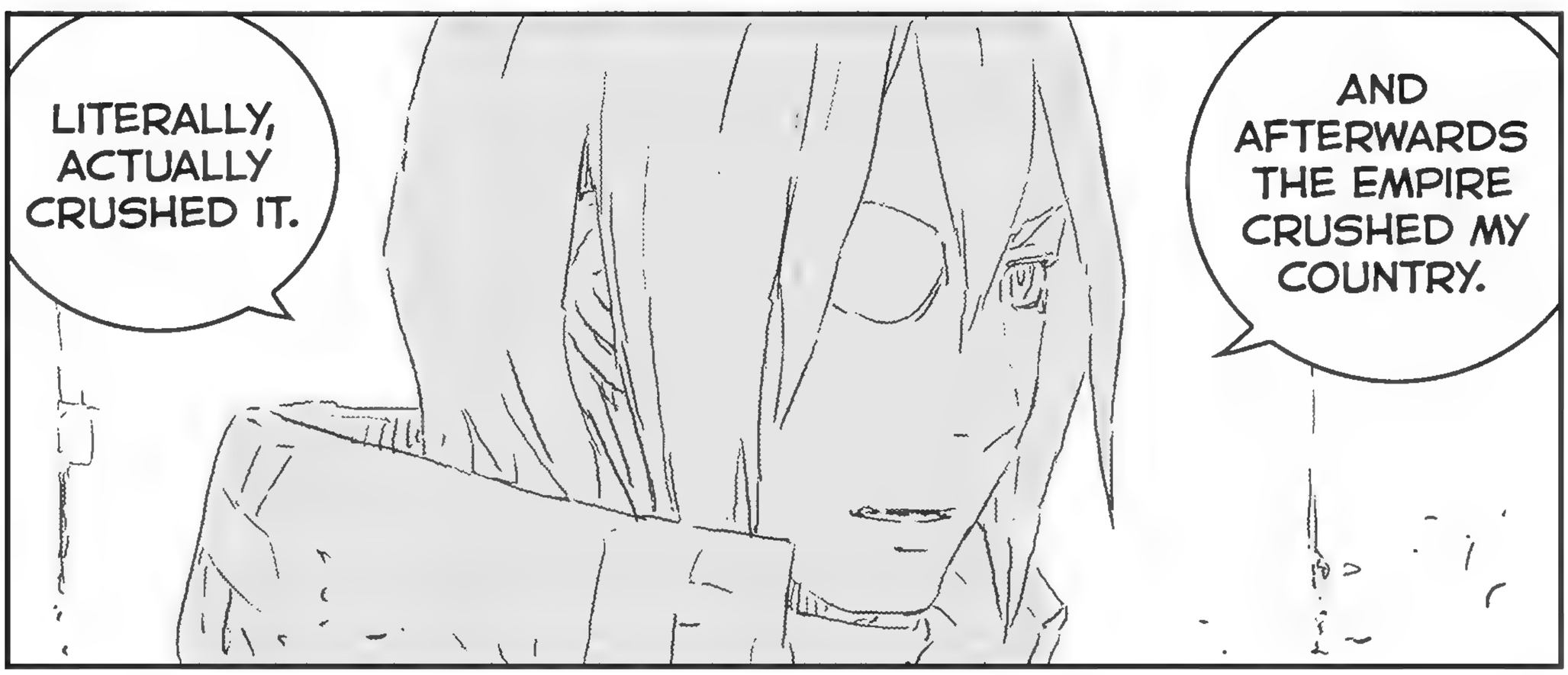
URK...

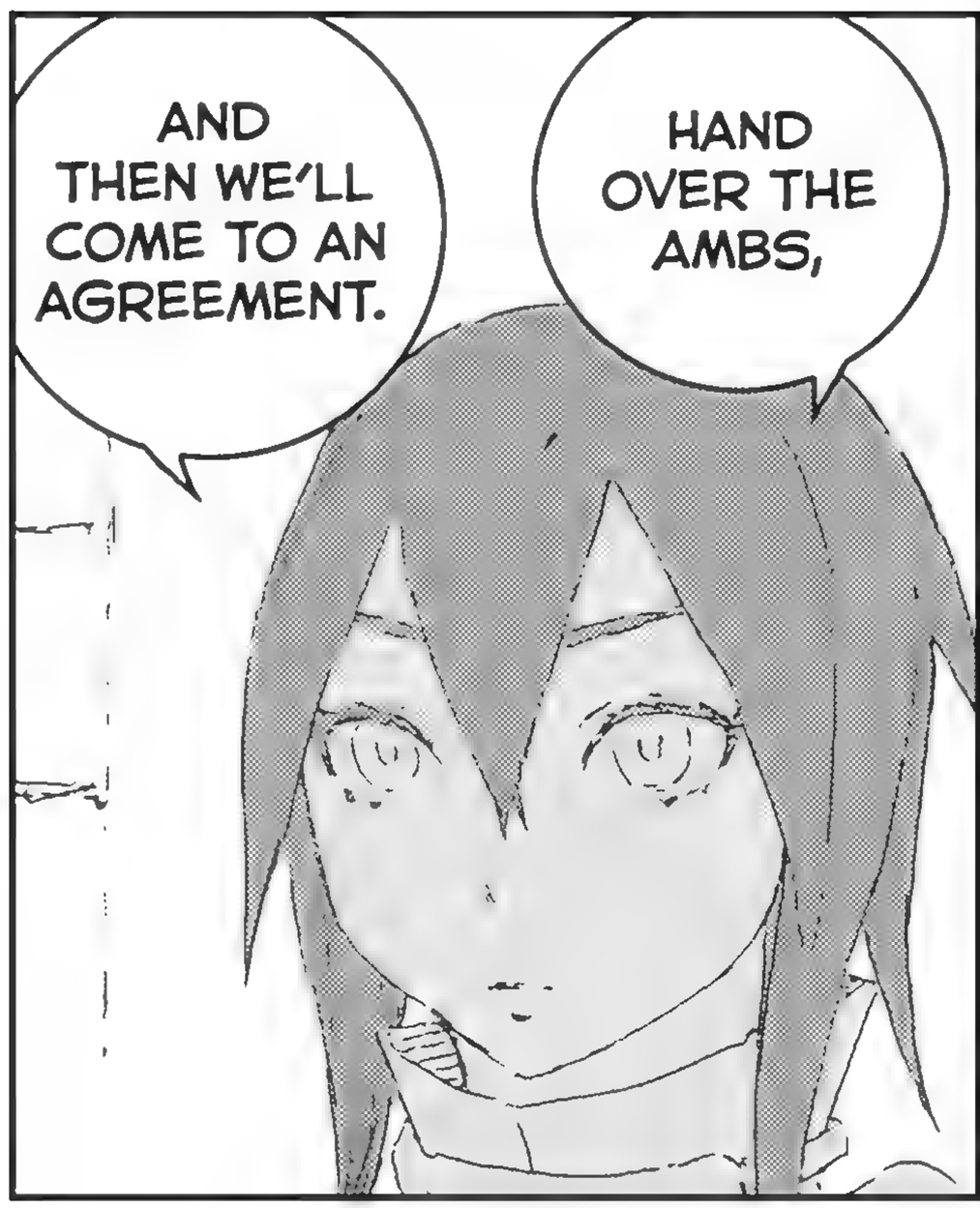
THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY TO YOU. YOU WILL REFRAIN FROM SPEAKING AGAIN.
THE LATE KING OF IRF NIKK SLAUGHTERED A DELEGATION FROM OUR NATION.

HAND OVER THE AMBS.
ETHEROW.

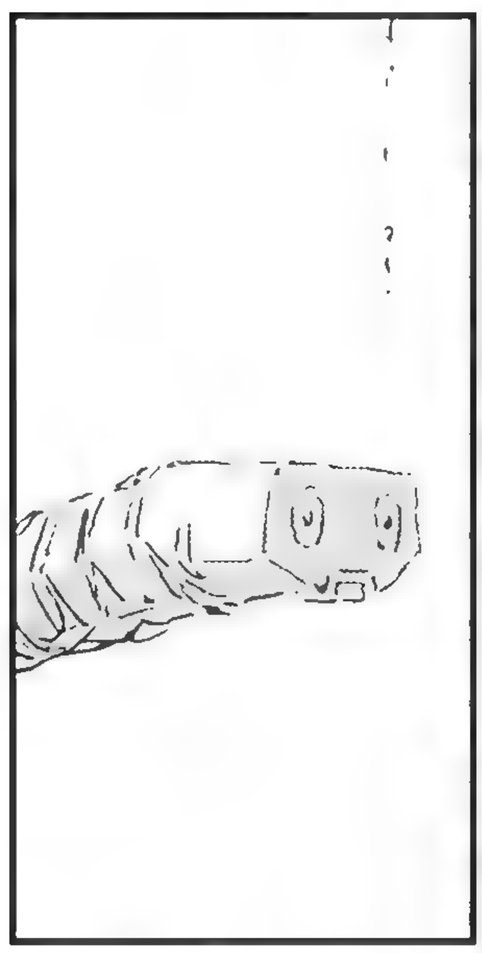


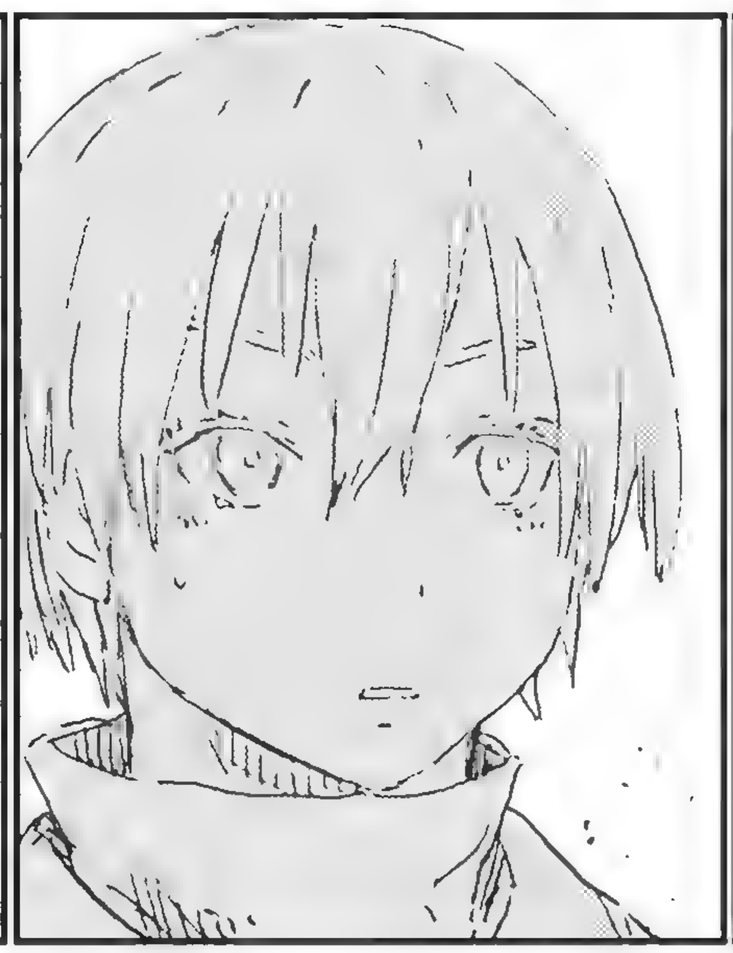
AND KILLED TWO IMPERIAL SOLDIERS IN THE PROCESS.
YOU SIDED WITH TITANIA, WHO STOLE THEM,
THEY WERE DUG UP BY THE EMPIRE TO BEGIN WITH, AND ARE OUR PROPERTY.


LITERALLY, ACTUALLY CRUSHED IT.
AND AFTERWARDS THE EMPIRE CRUSHED MY COUNTRY.

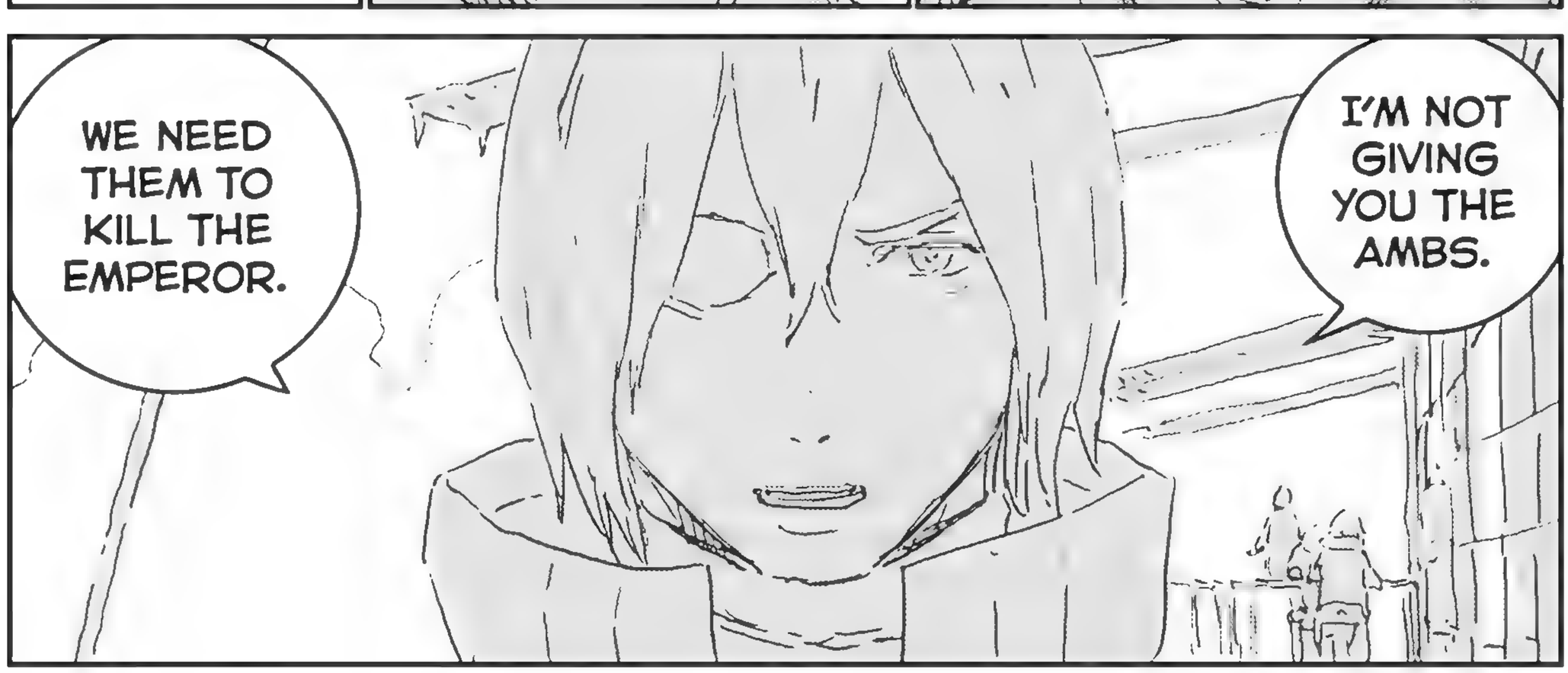

AND THEN WE'LL COME TO AN AGREEMENT.
HAND OVER THE AMBS,

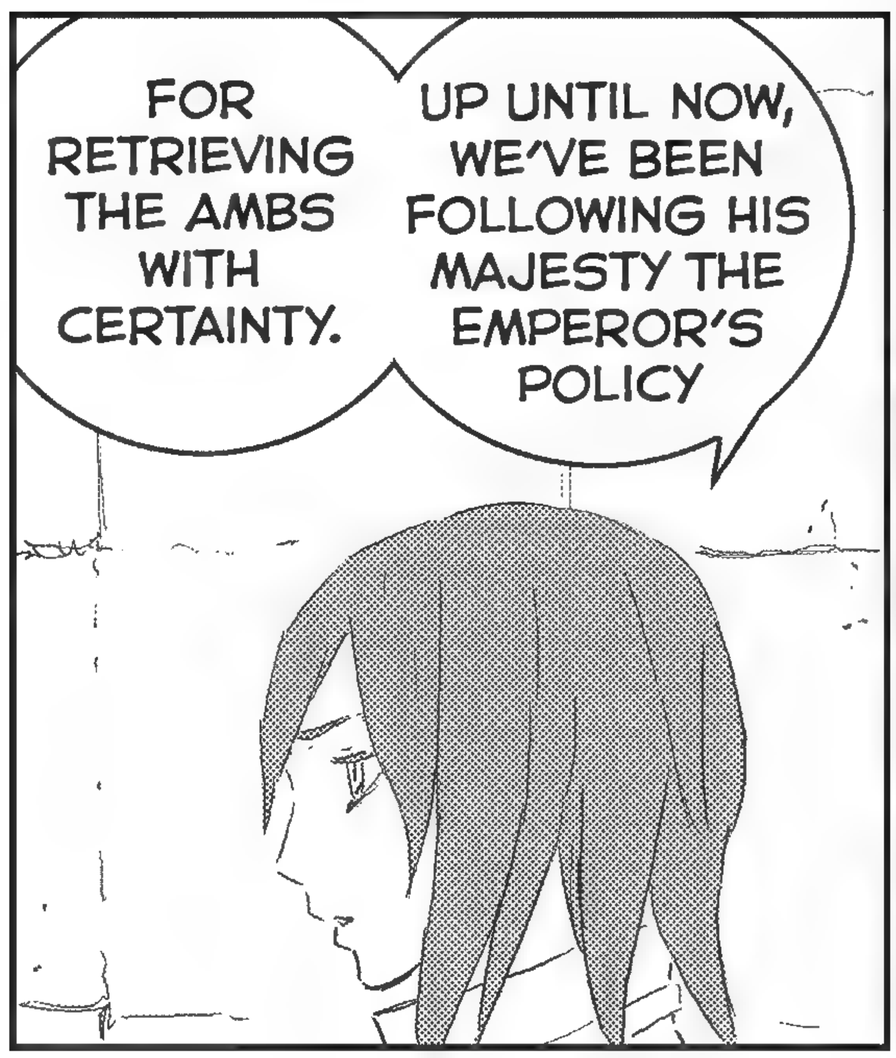
FAR EXCEEDS THE POPULATION OF THE WHITE DIAMOND BEAM.
THE NUMBER OF REBEDOANS YOU'VE KILLED



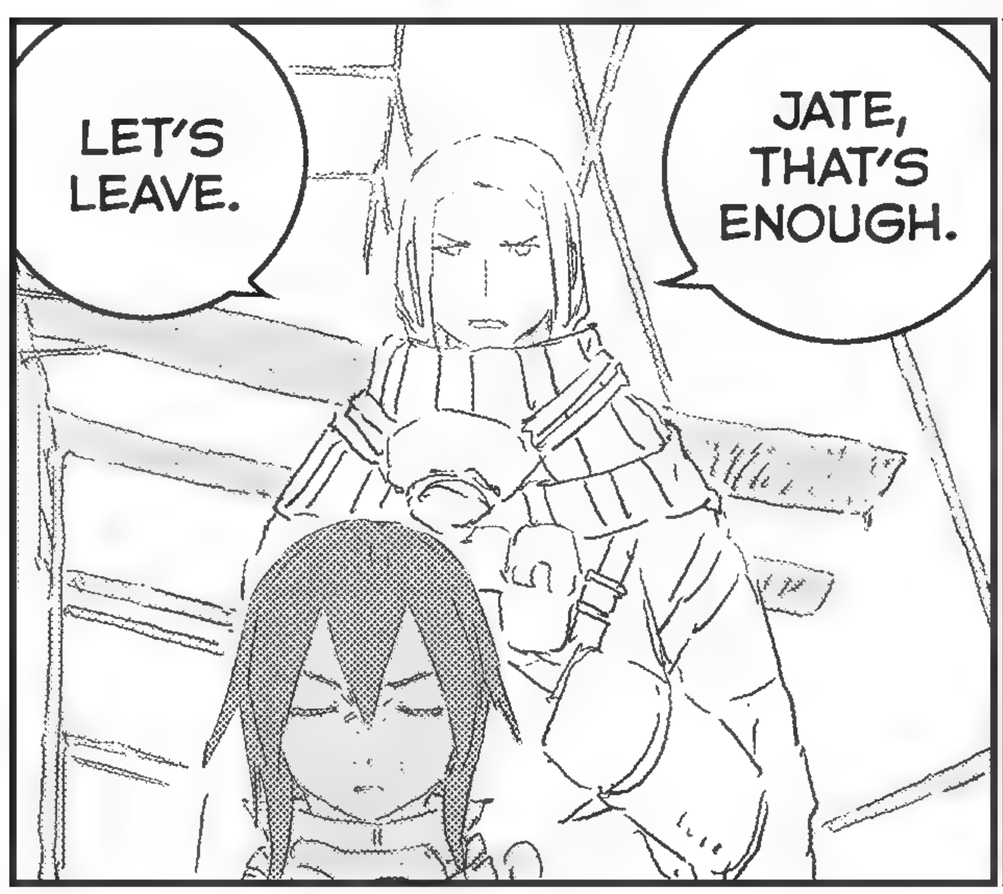


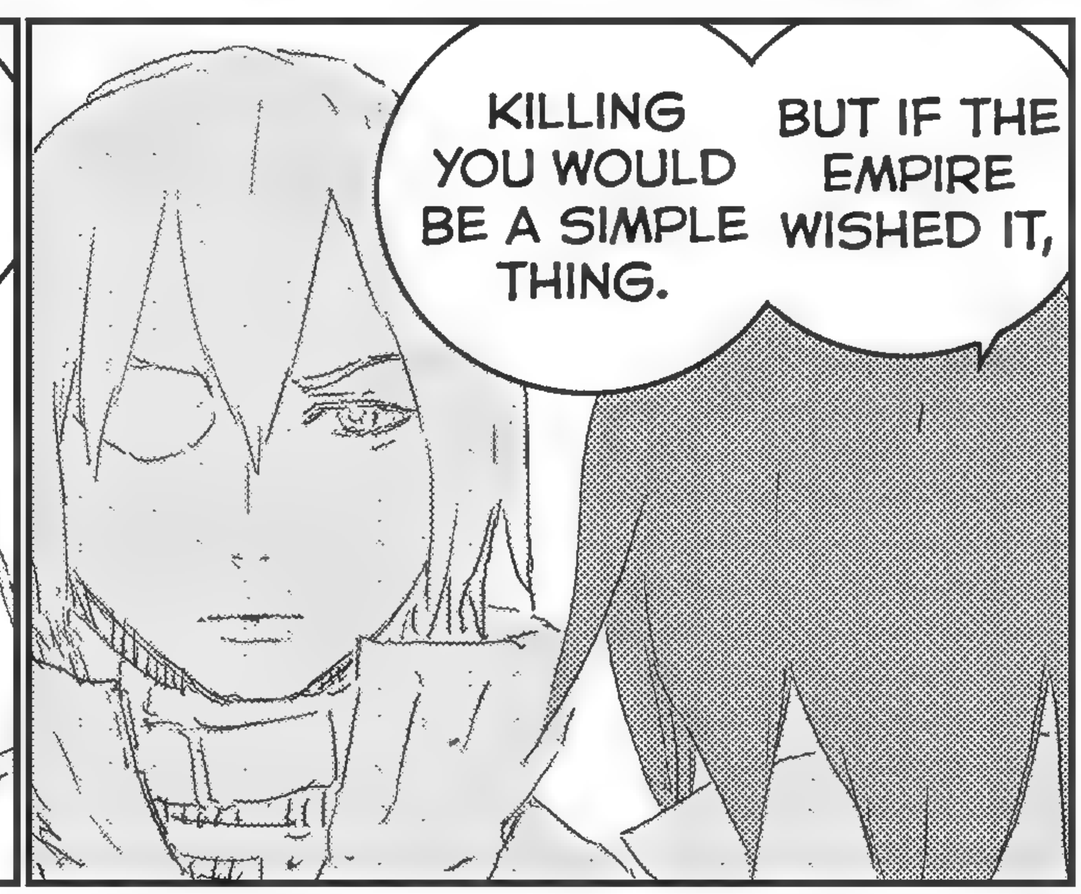
YOU MUSTN'T, ETHEROW!


WE NEED THEM TO KILL THE EMPEROR.
I'M NOT GIVING YOU THE AMBS.

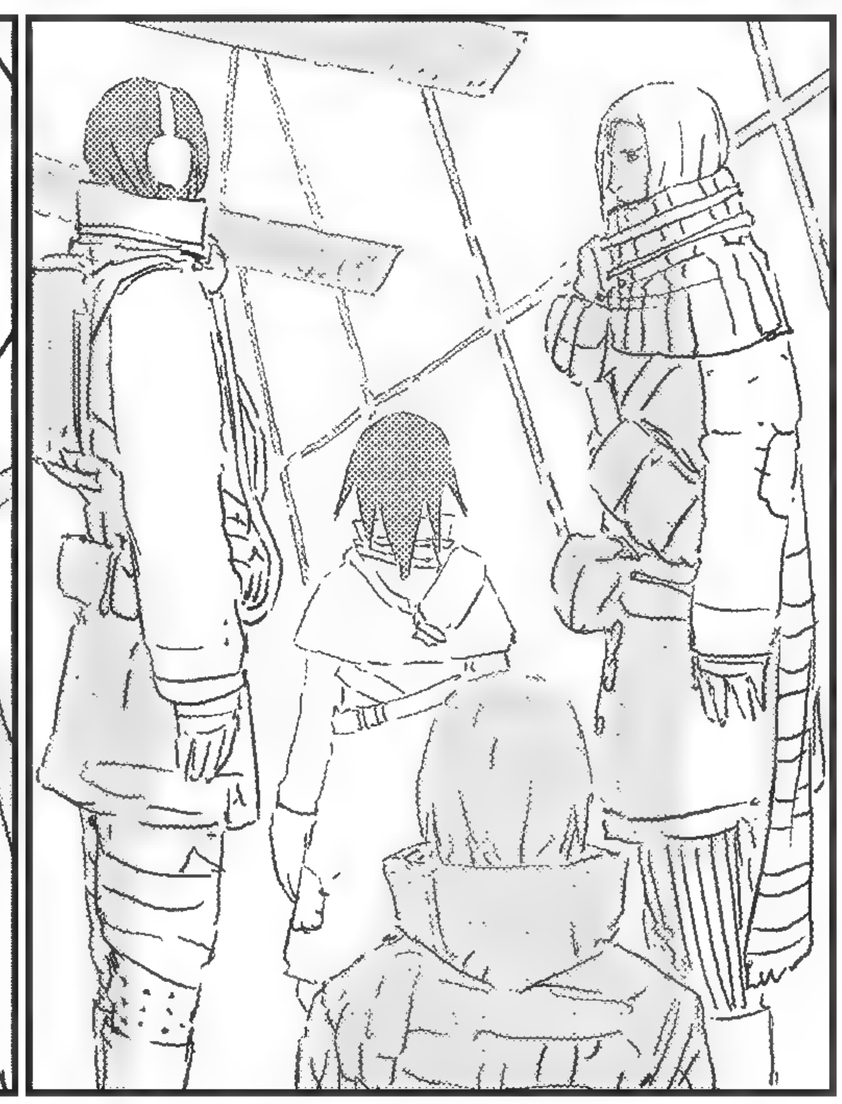

FOR RETRIEVING THE AMBS WITH CERTAINTY.
UP UNTIL NOW, WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR'S POLICY

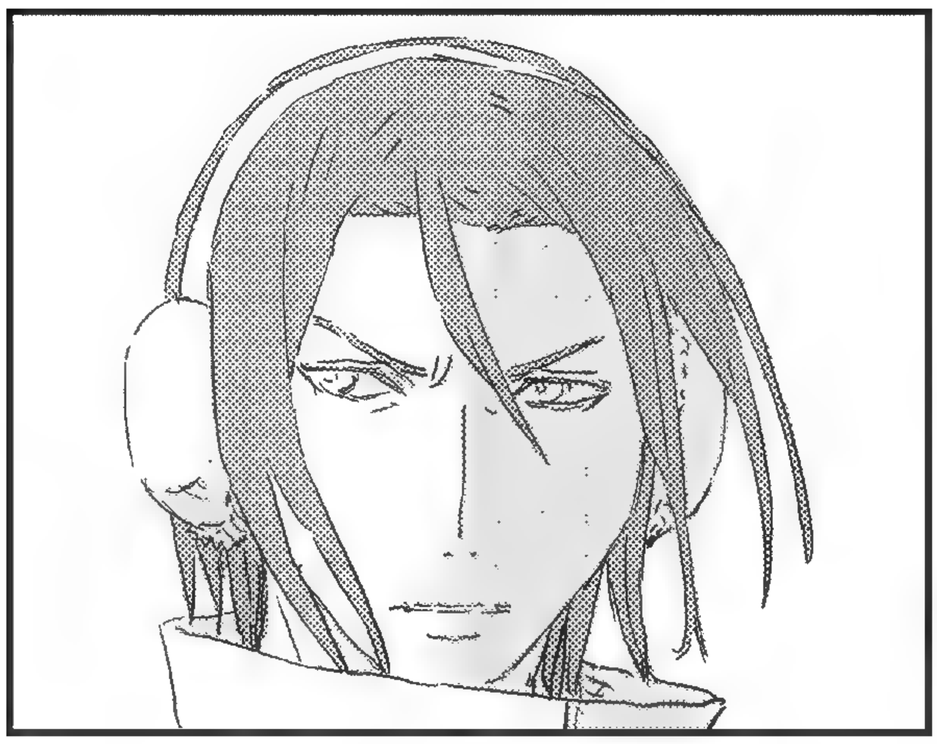
YOU UNDERSTAND NOTHING.
HAAH...

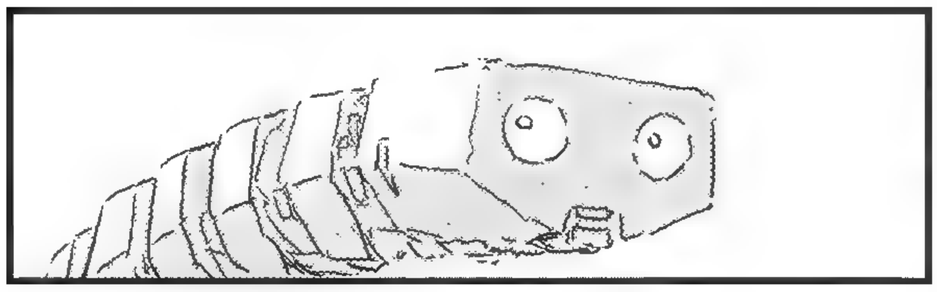

LET'S LEAVE.
JATE, THAT'S ENOUGH.


KILLING YOU WOULD BE A SIMPLE THING.
BUT IF THE EMPIRE WISHED IT,

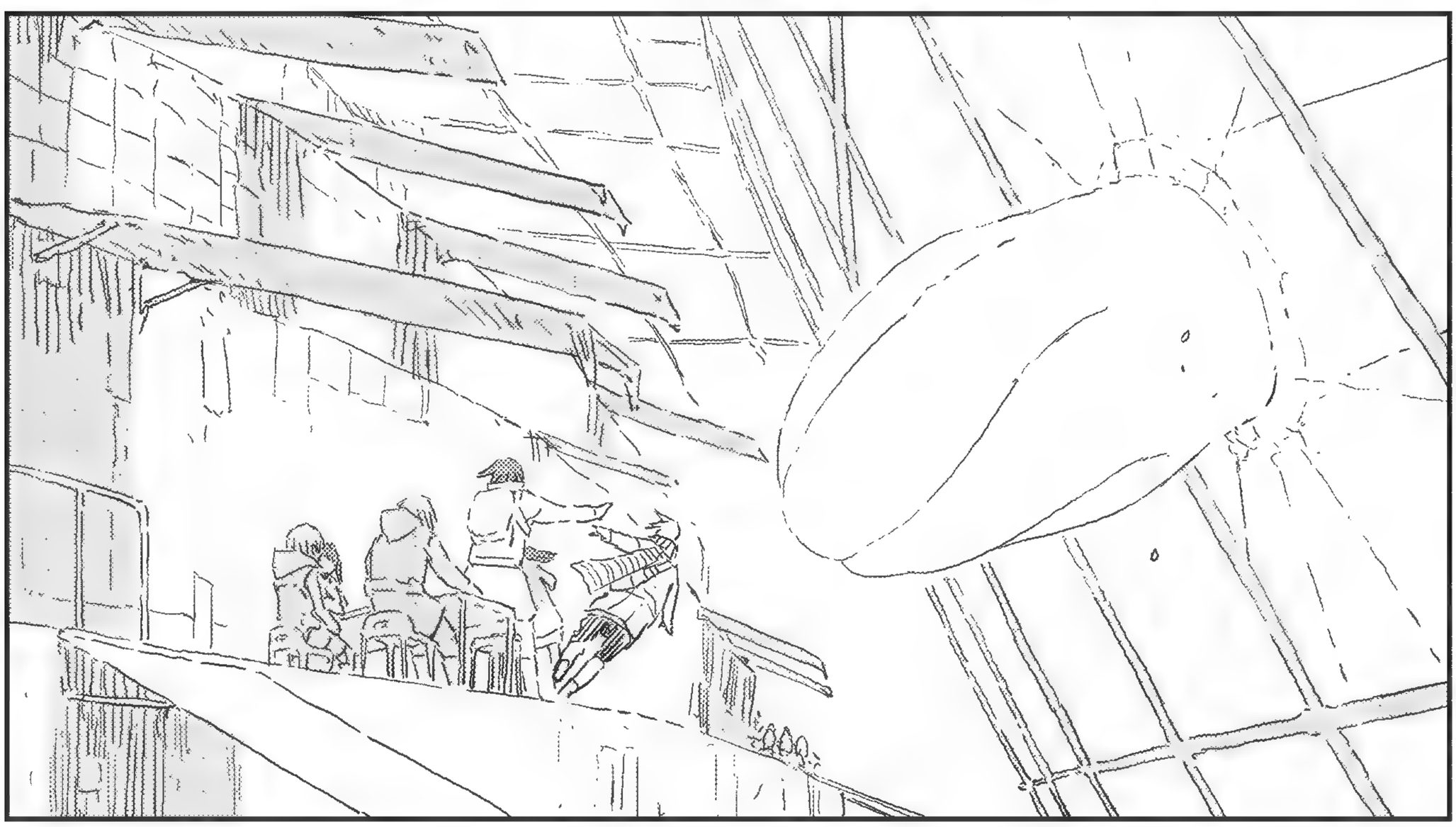
THERE'S NO POINT IN ATTACKING US NOW.
EVEN THE PLACENTA I HAVE NOW IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO TRANSPORT THREE REINCAR-NATEDS.
WE CAN GET AWAY FASTER THAN YOU CAN FIRE ON US.

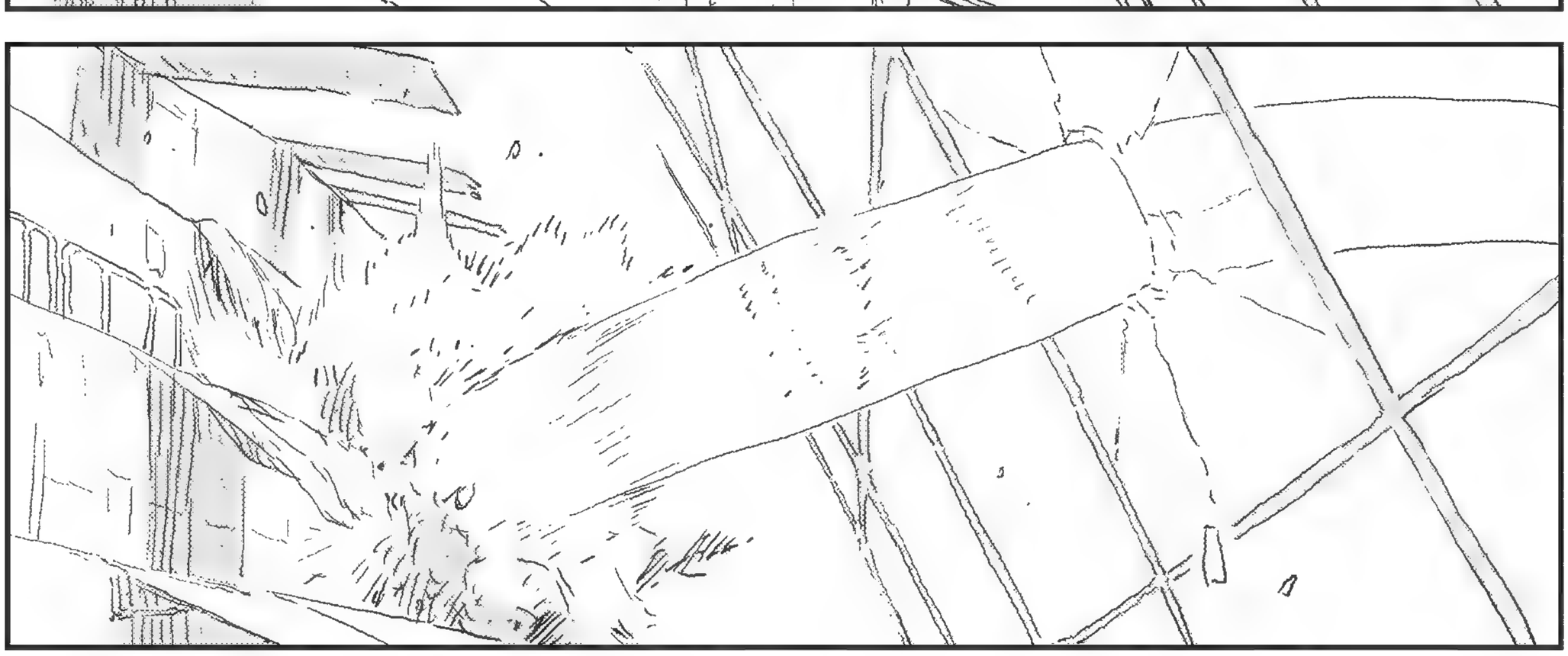


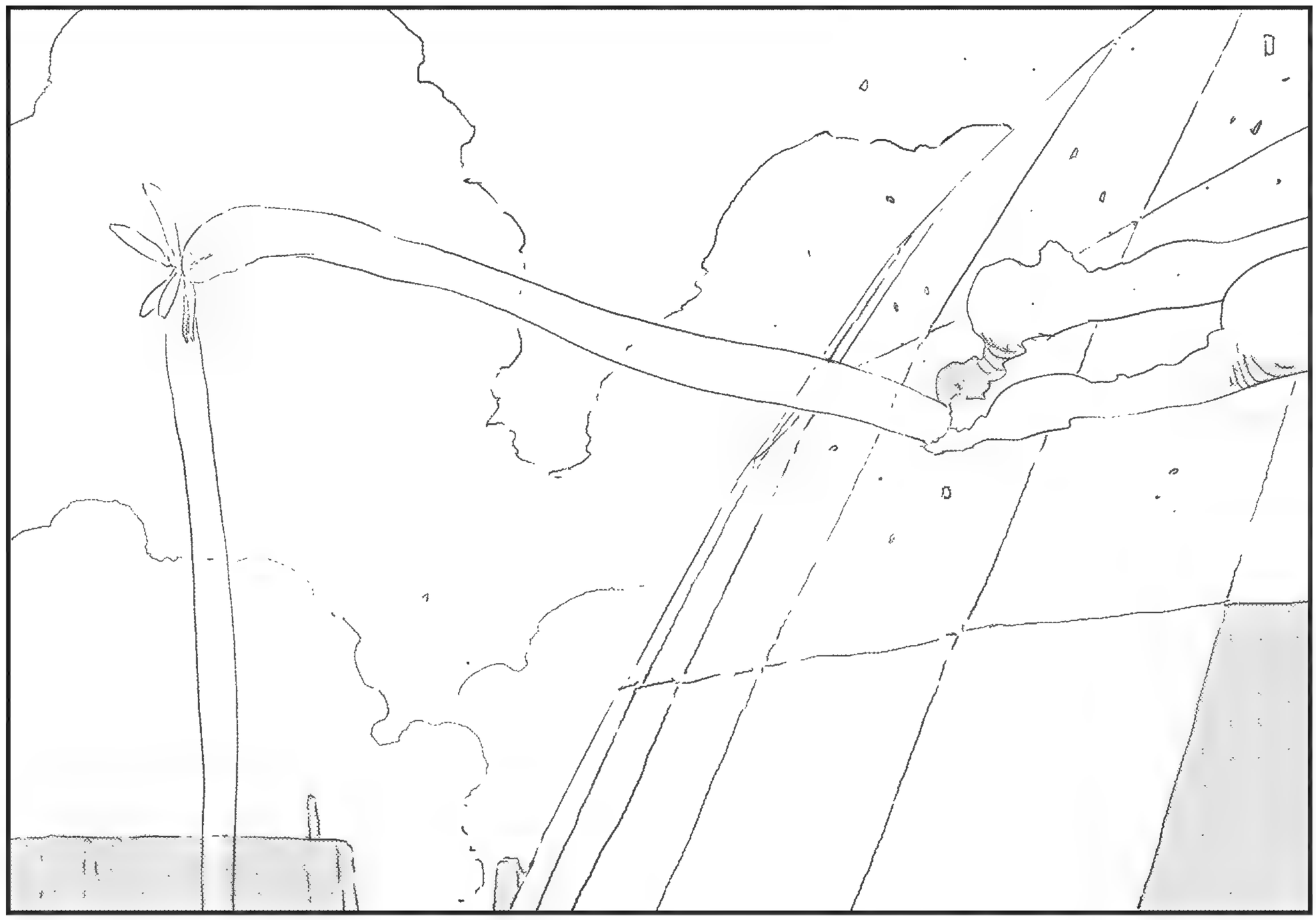


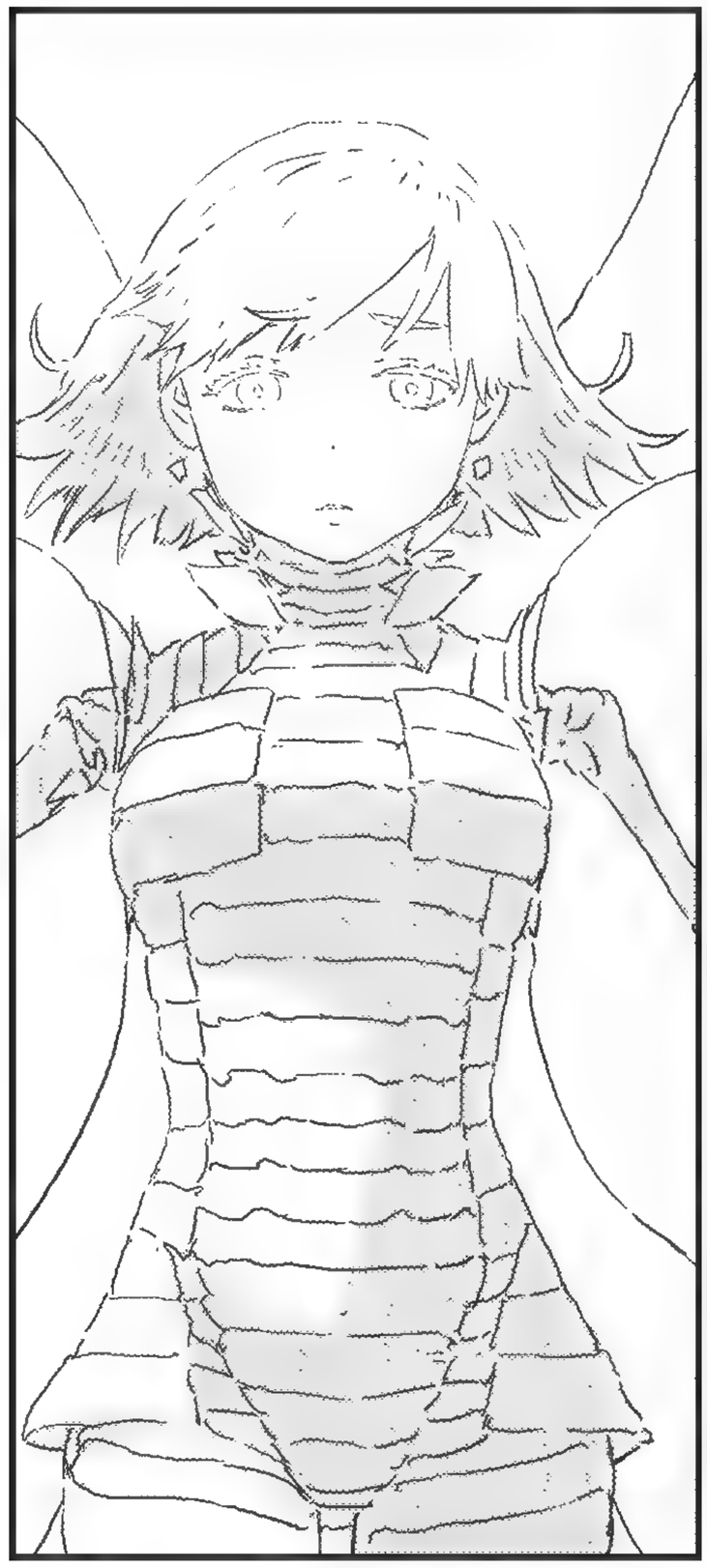


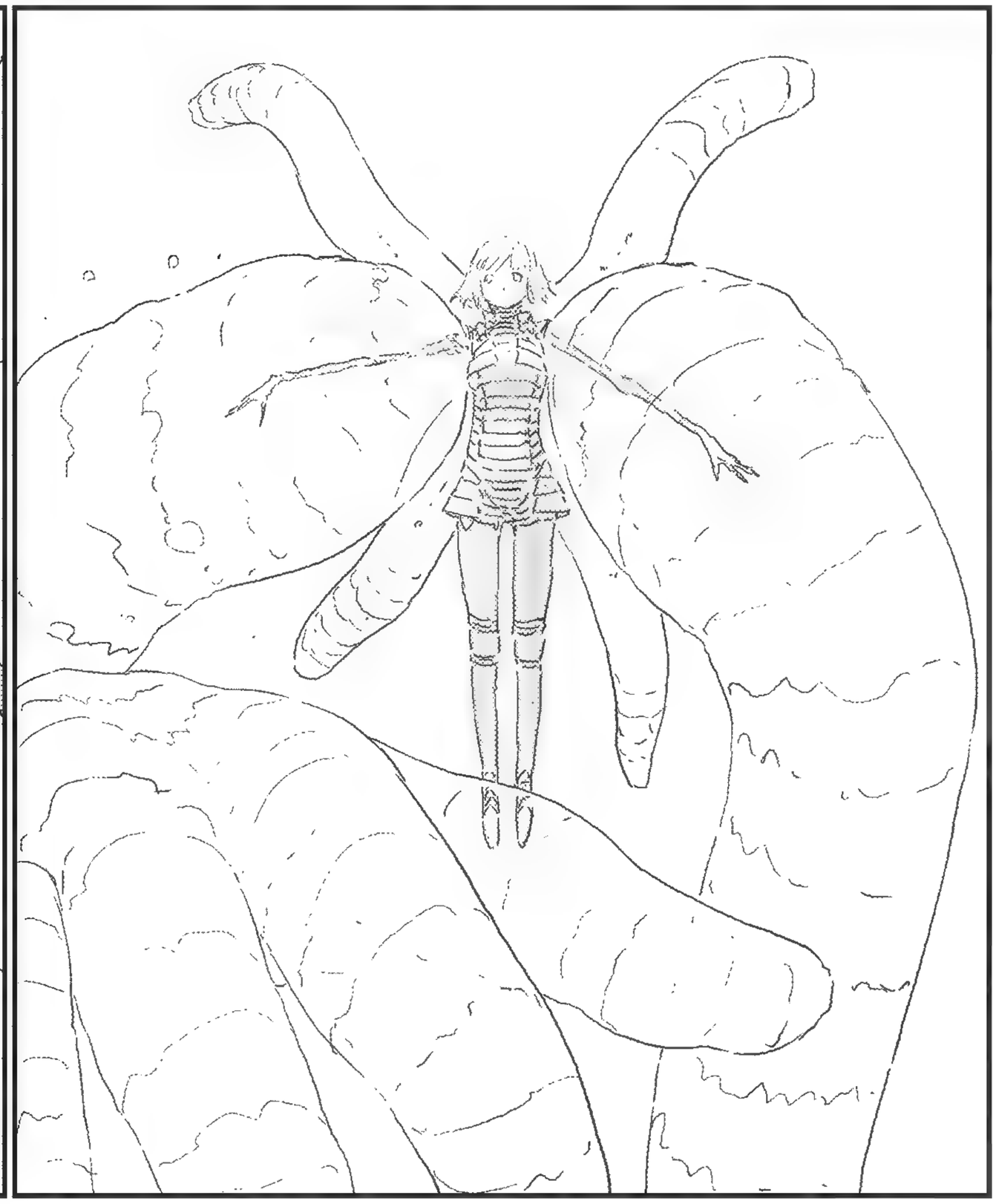
IF IT CAME OUT THAT WE WERE HERE TOO, THAT'D BE BAD NEWS.
IF YOU DID, AND HAIGHS PARTICLES WERE EMITTED, SOLDIERS WOULD COME RUNNING, AND THAT'S SOMETHING NEITHER OF US WANTS.

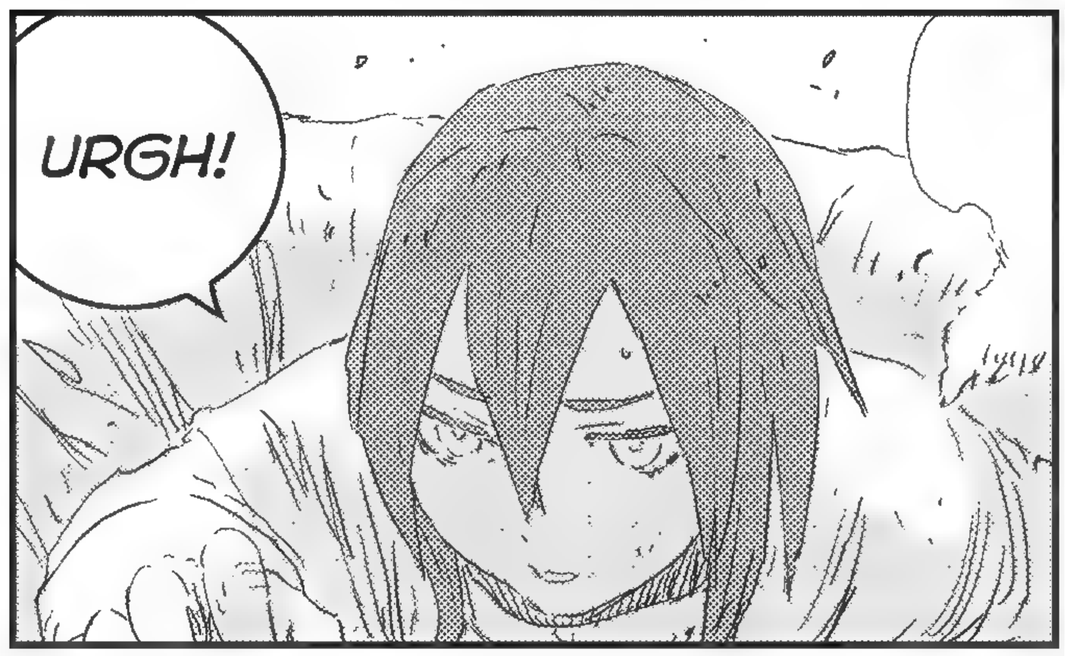








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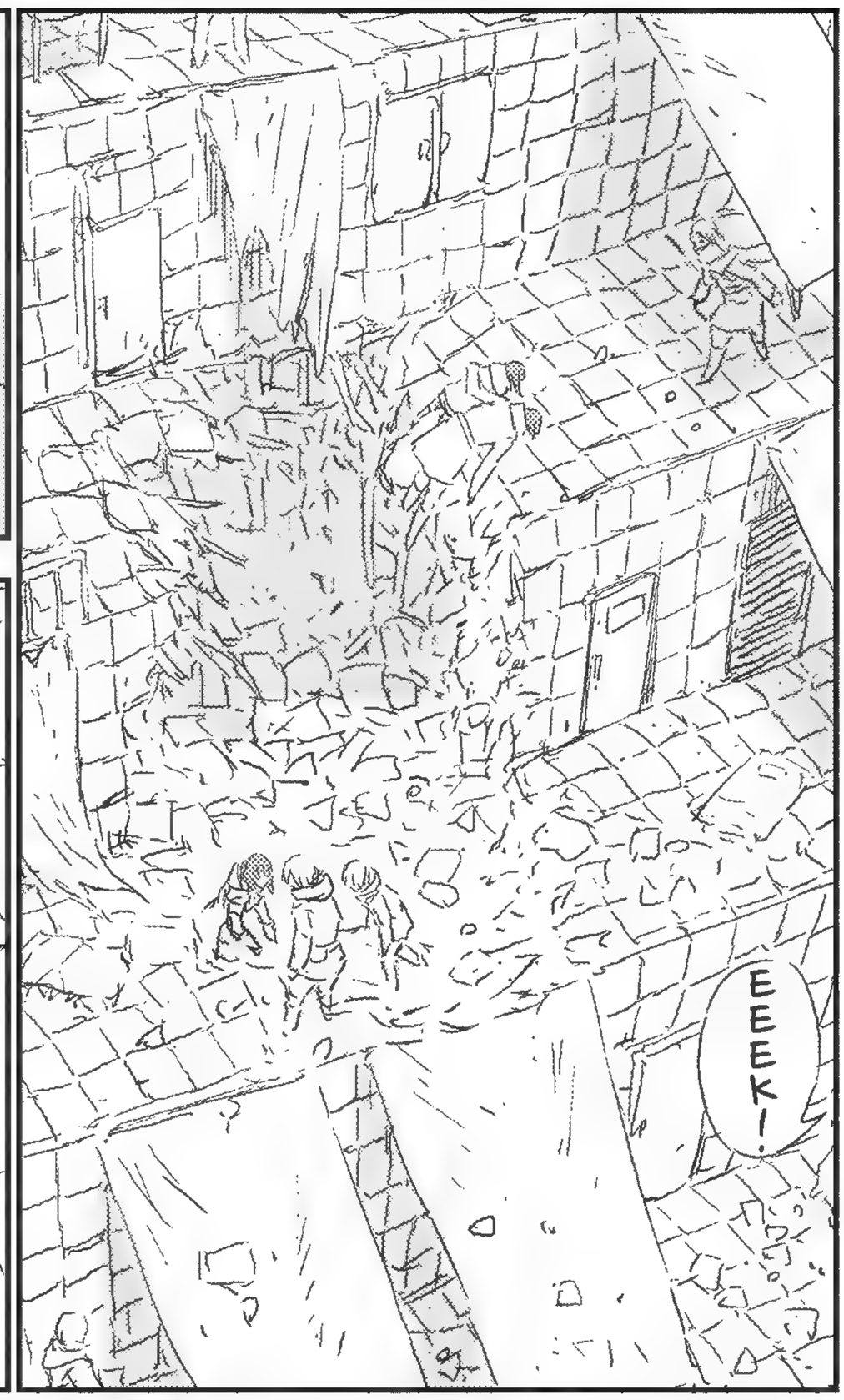
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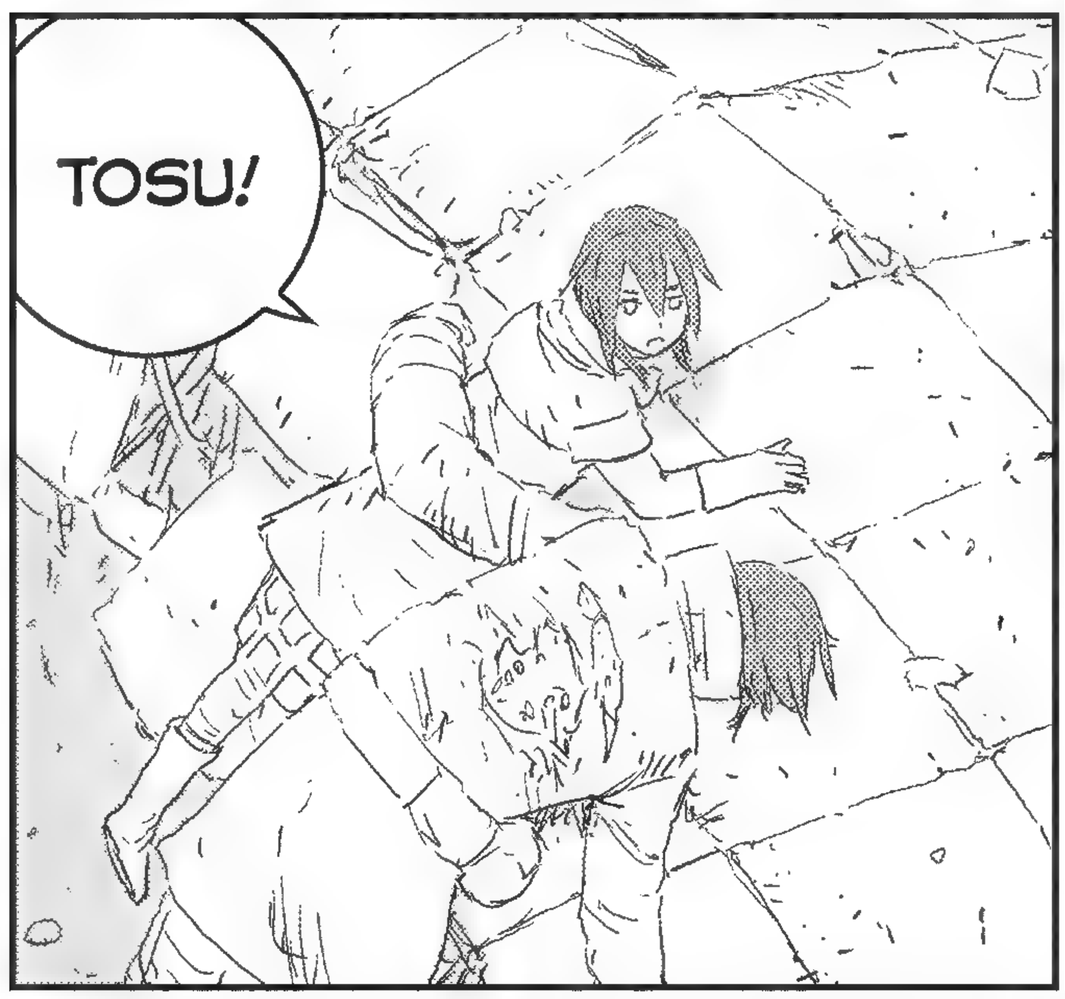
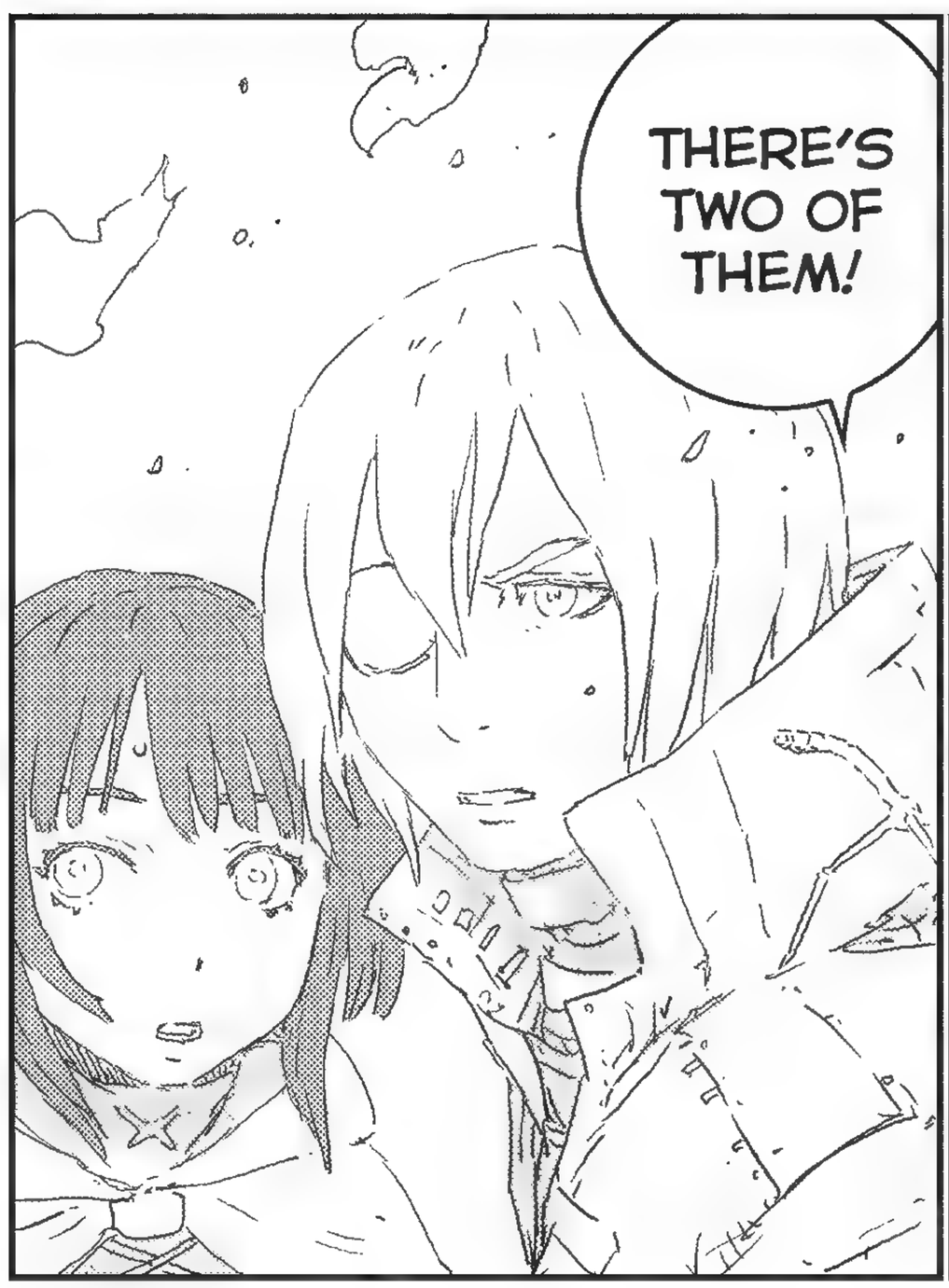
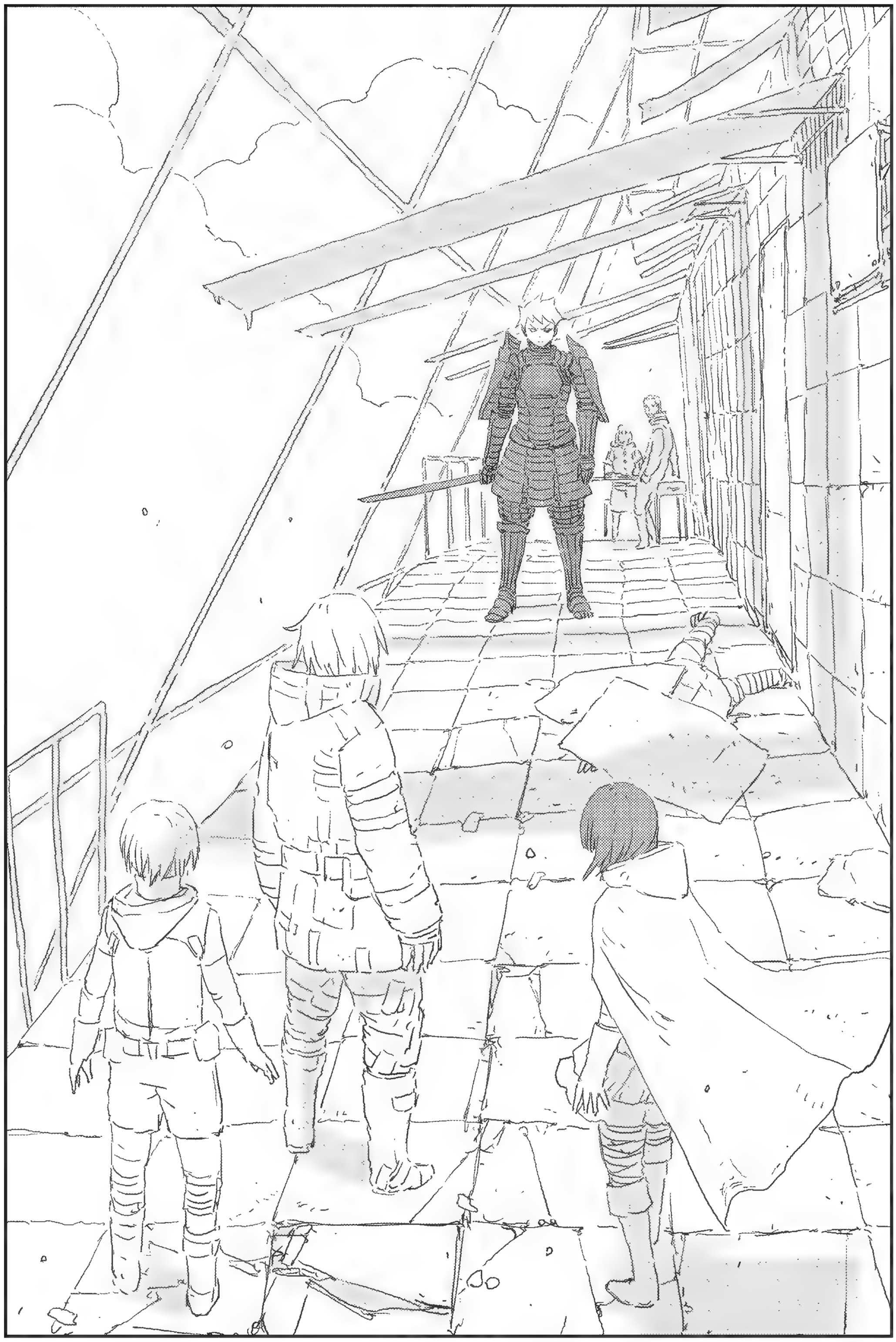

TOSU!


THERE'S TWO OF THEM!

A REGULAR FRAME!



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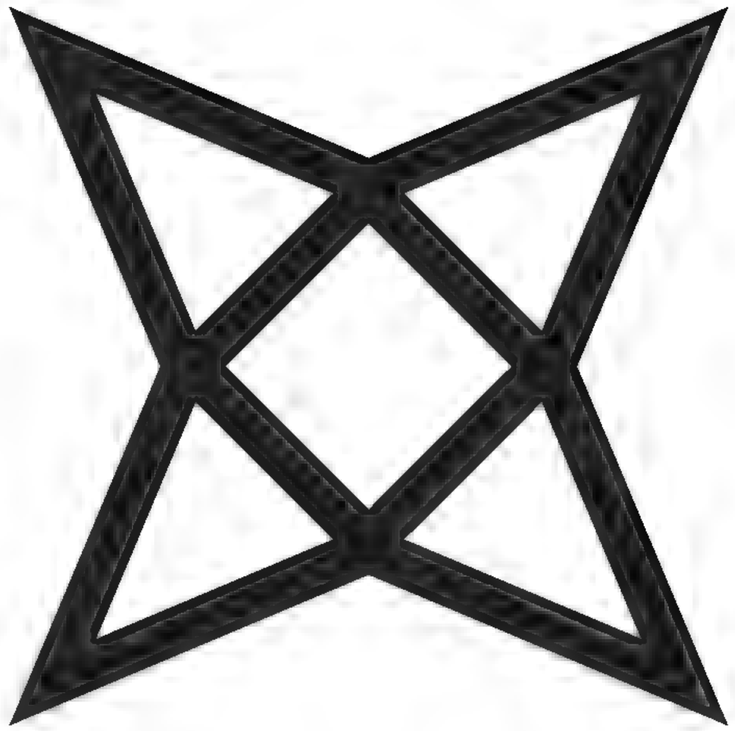

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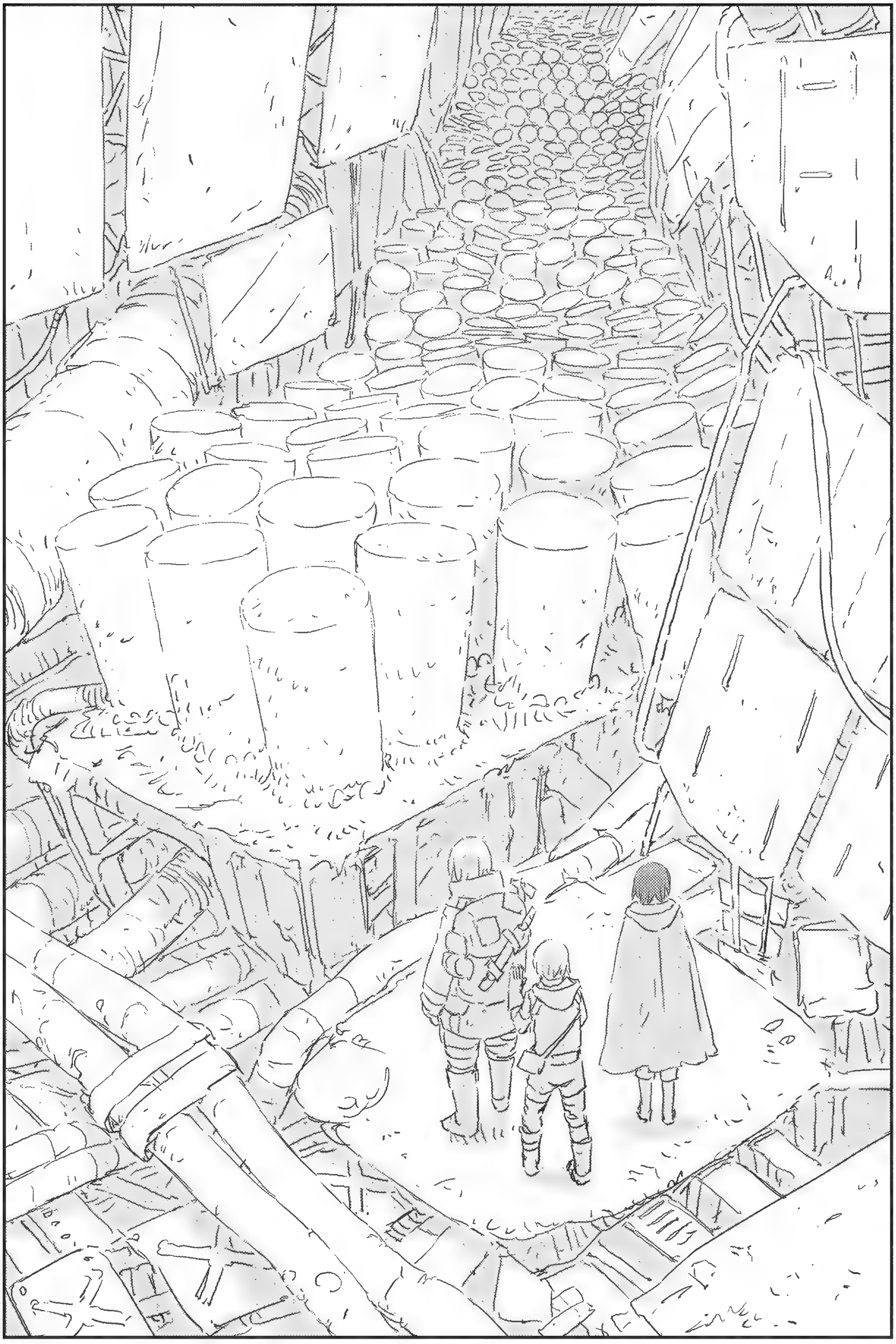

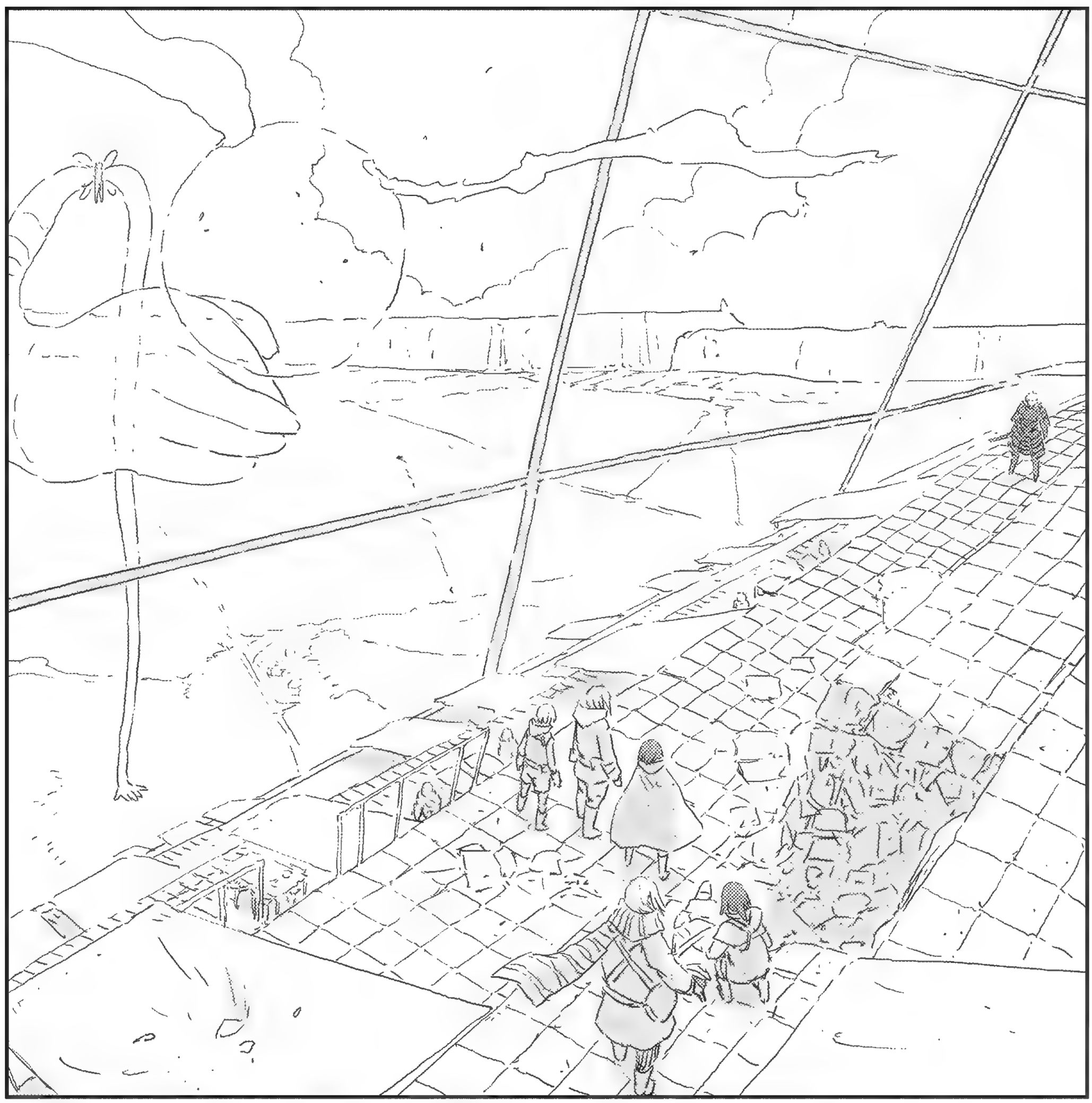

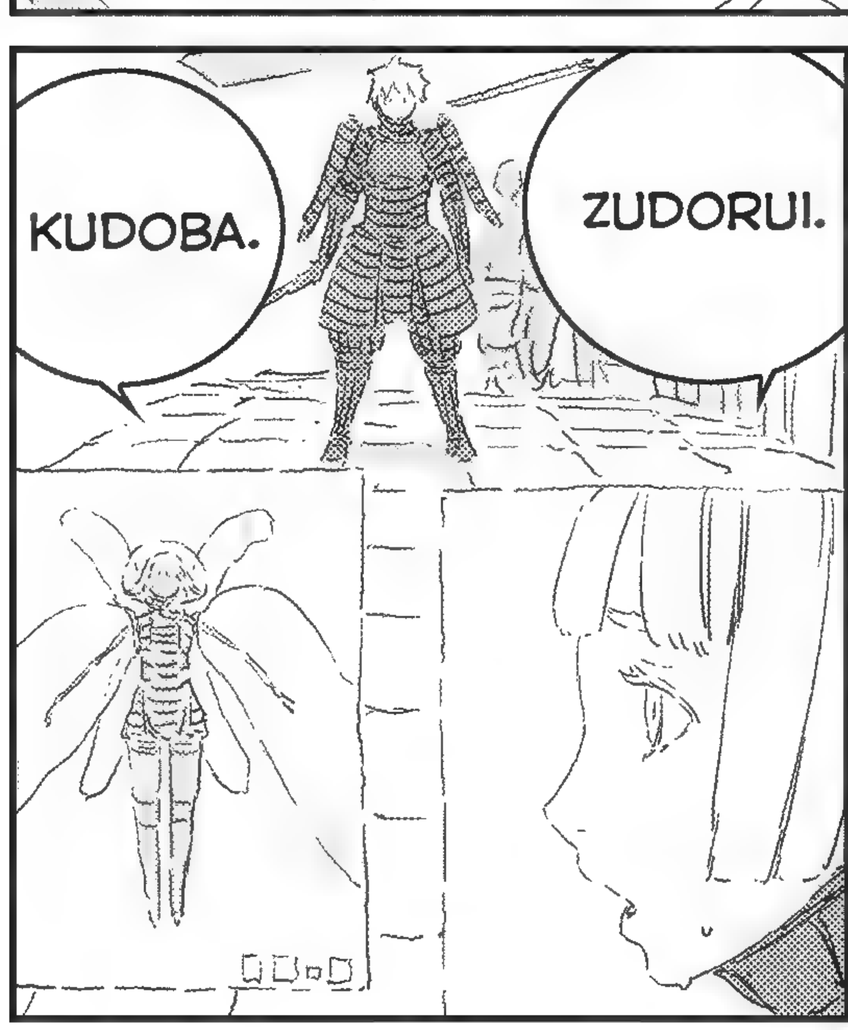
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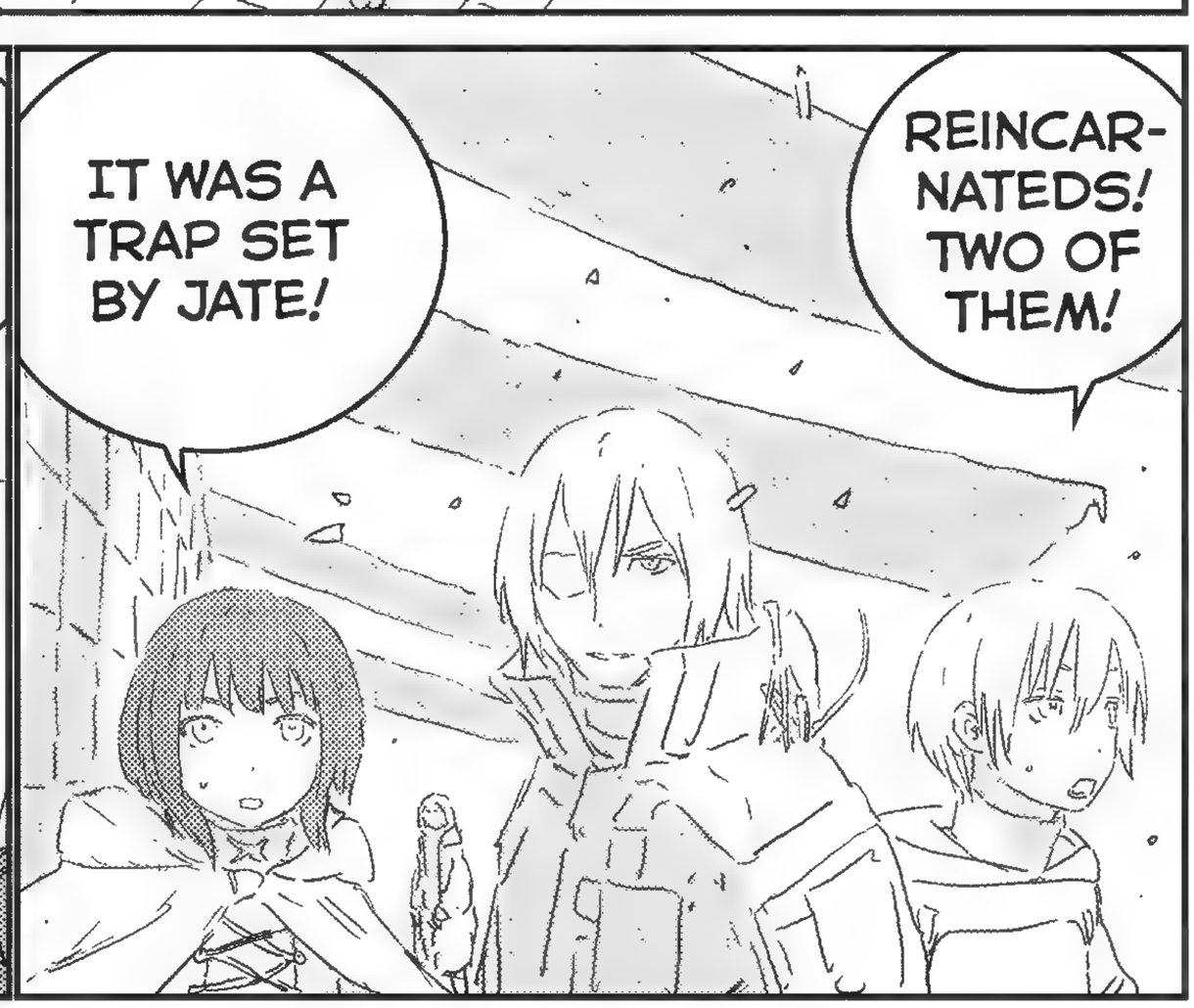
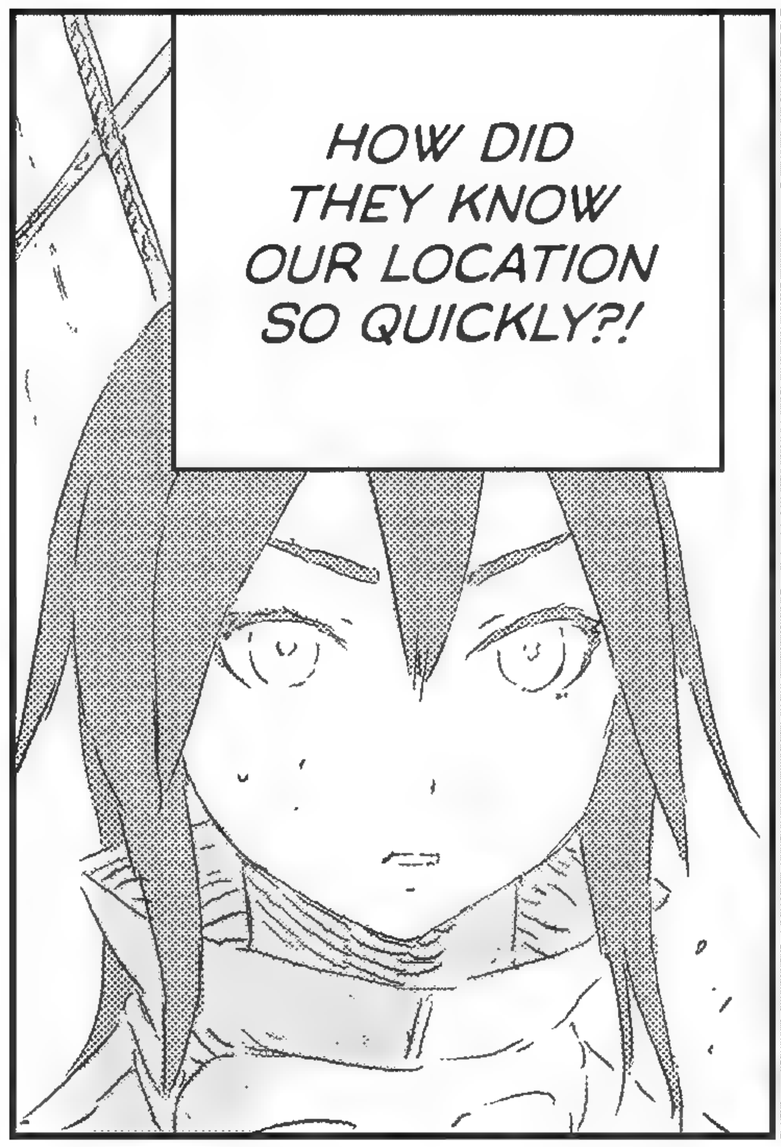
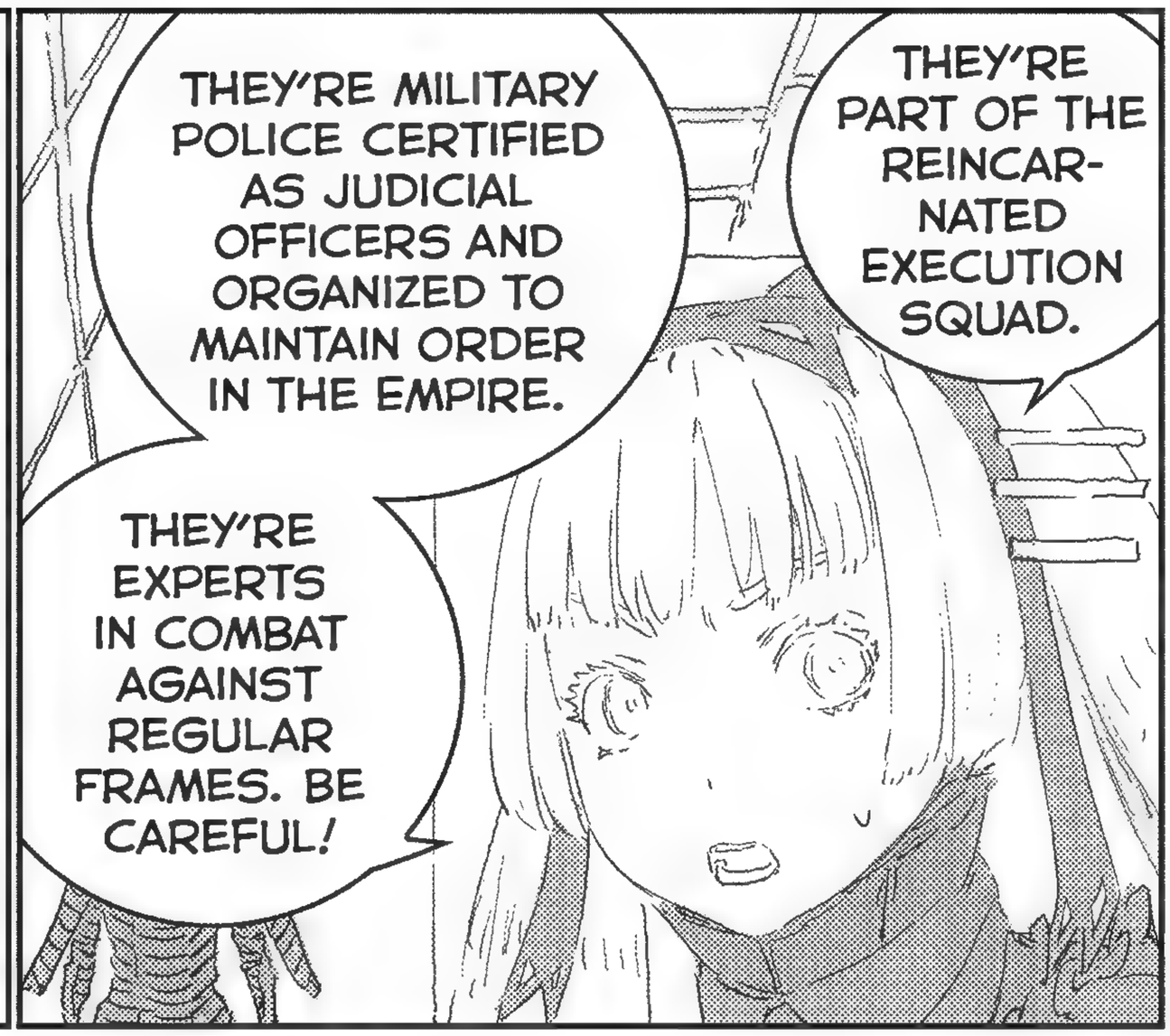
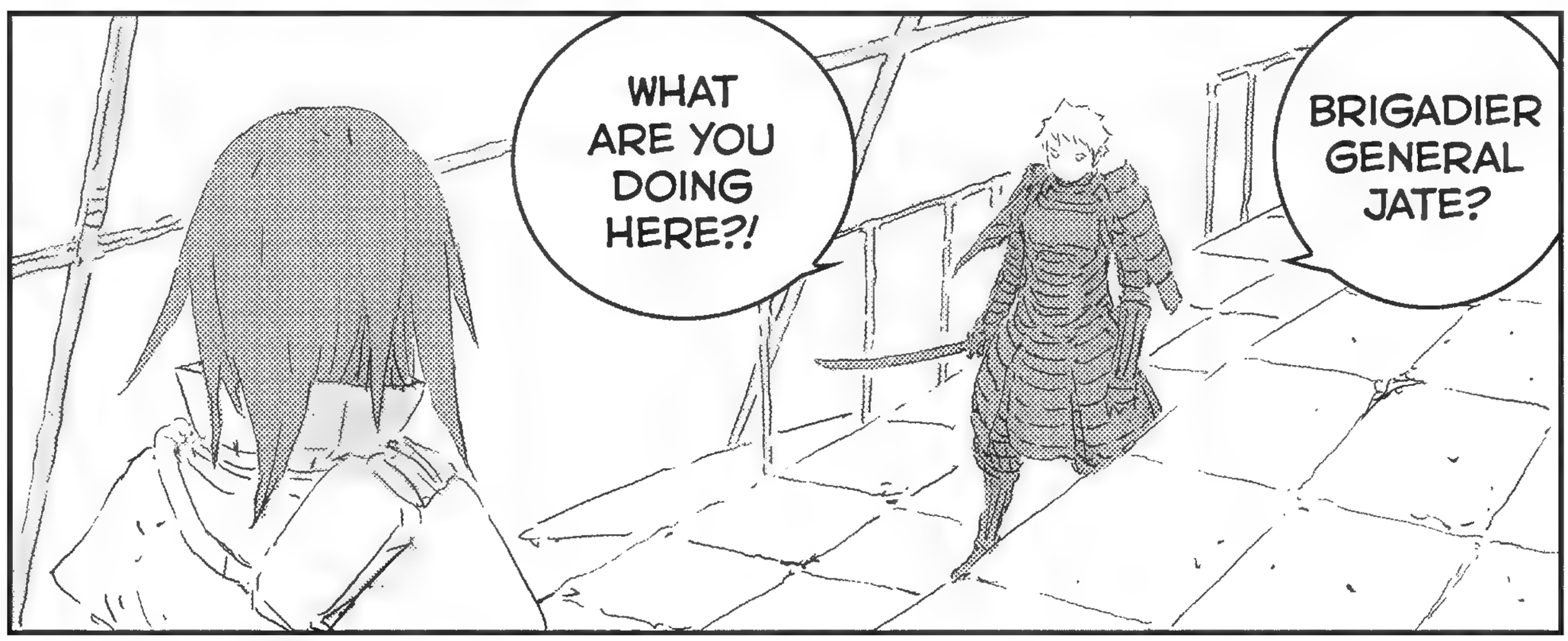
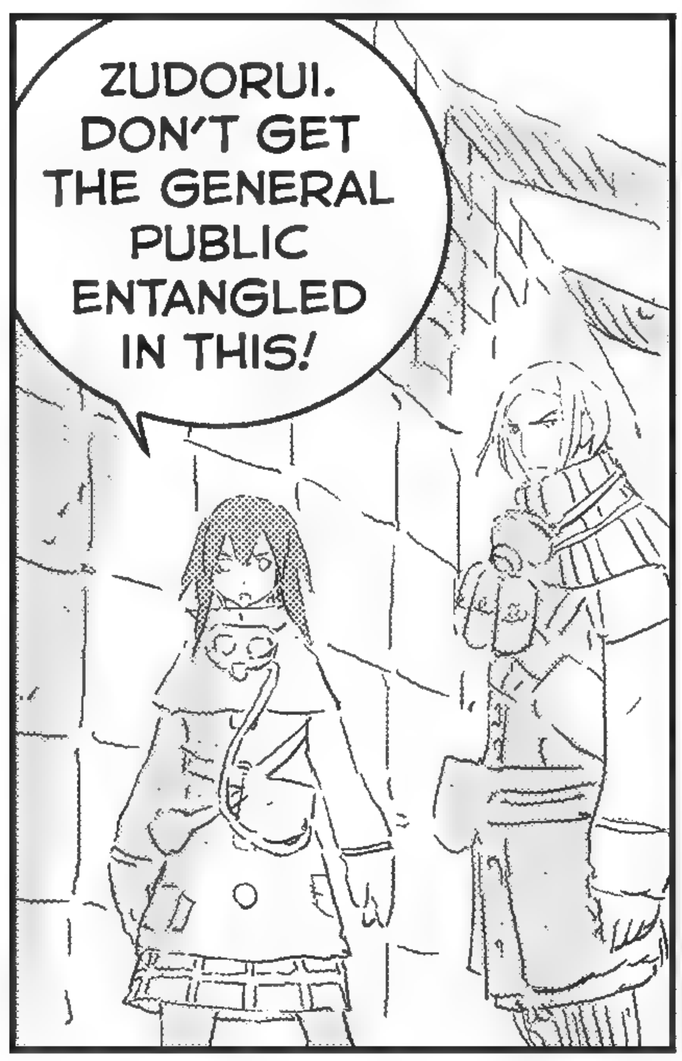

IT WAS A TRAP SET BY JATE!
REINCAR-NATEDS! TWO OF THEM!


HOW DID THEY KNOW OUR LOCATION SO QUICKLY?!


THEY'RE MILITARY POLICE CERTIFIED AS JUDICIAL OFFICERS AND ORGANIZED TO MAINTAIN ORDER IN THE EMPIRE.
THEY'RE PART OF THE REINCAR-NATED EXECUTION SQUAD.
THEY'RE EXPERTS IN COMBAT AGAINST REGULAR FRAMES. BE CAREFUL!


WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
BRIGADIER GENERAL JATE?


ZUDORUI. DON'T GET THE GENERAL PUBLIC ENTANGLED IN THIS!

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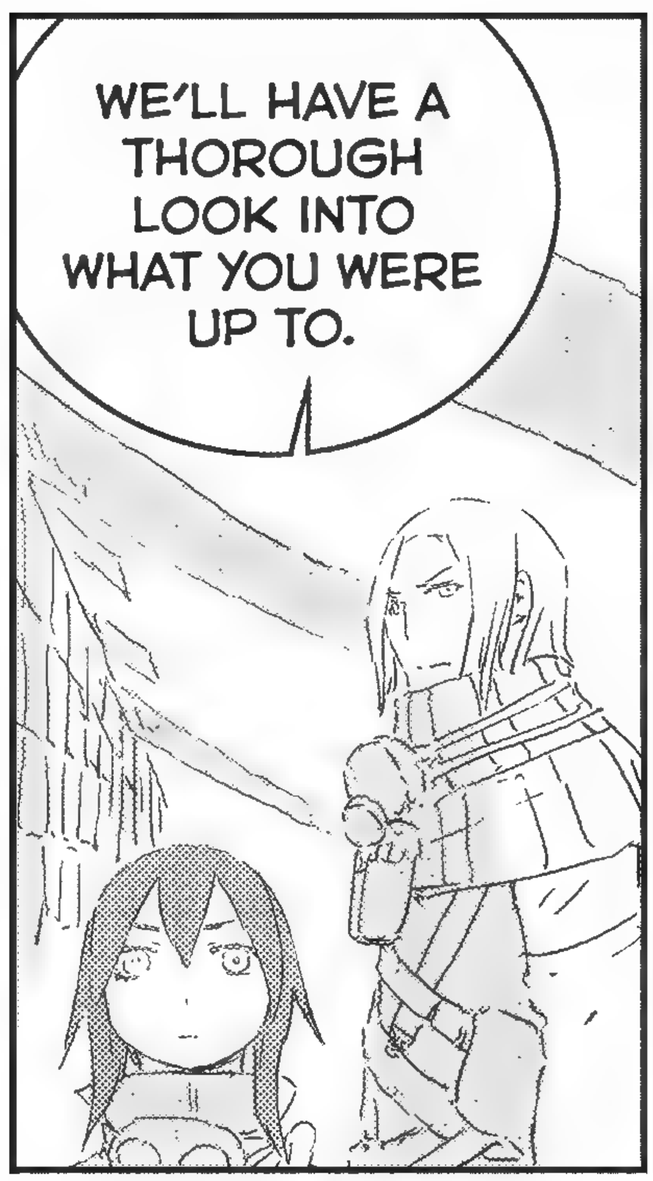
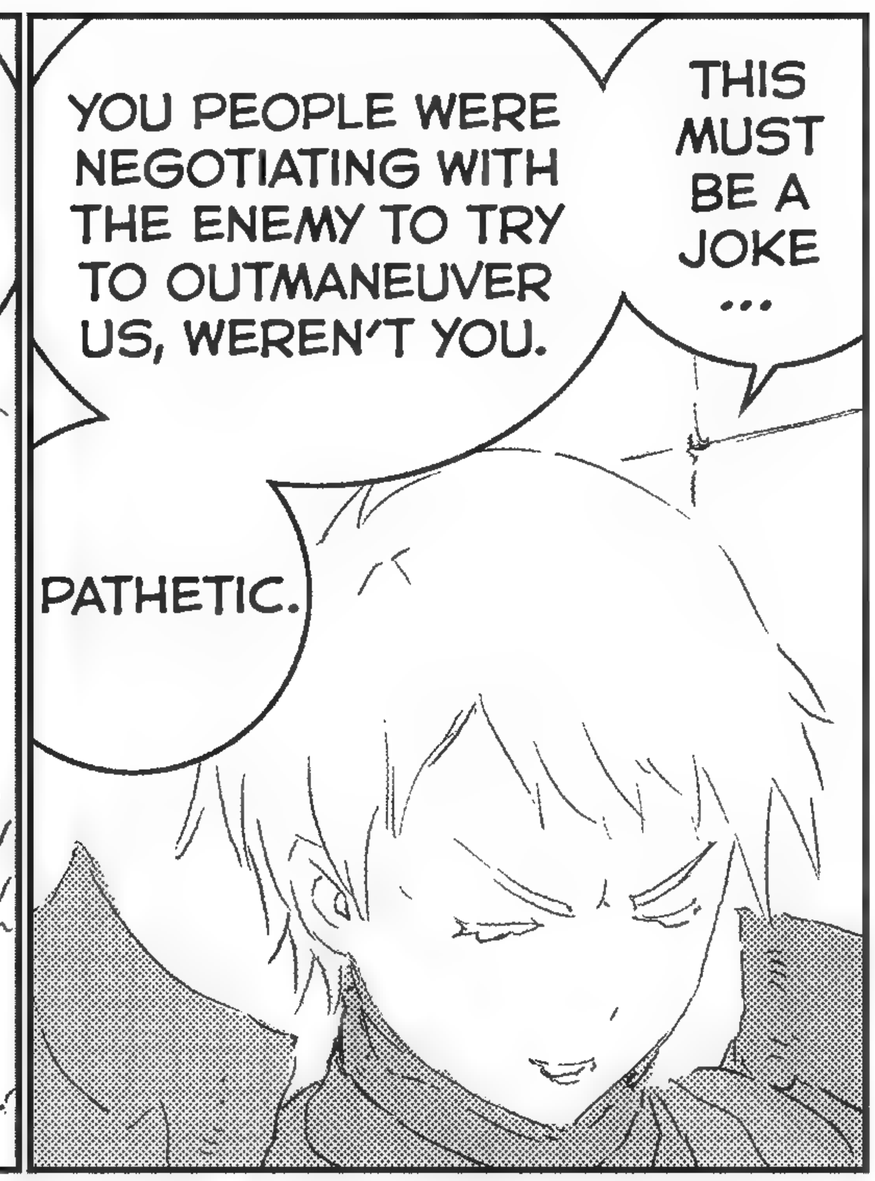
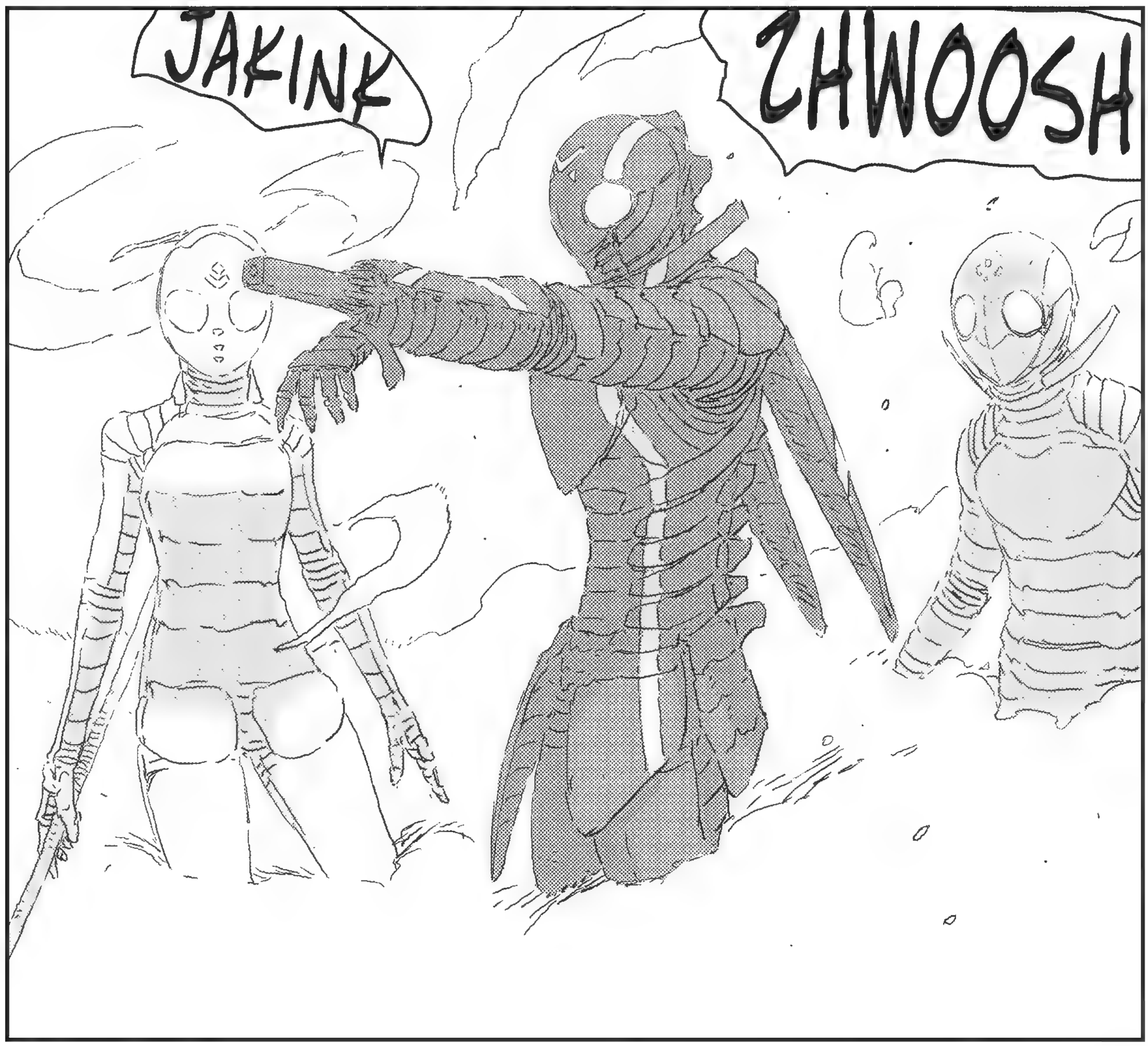
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY PLACENTA ?!


WE'LL HAVE A THOROUGH LOOK INTO WHAT YOU WERE UP TO.

ONCE WE'RE DONE DISPOSING OF THIS SCUM,


YOU PEOPLE WERE NEGOTIATING WITH THE ENEMY TO TRY TO OUTMANEUVER US, WEREN'T YOU.
THIS MUST BE A JOKE ...
PATHETIC.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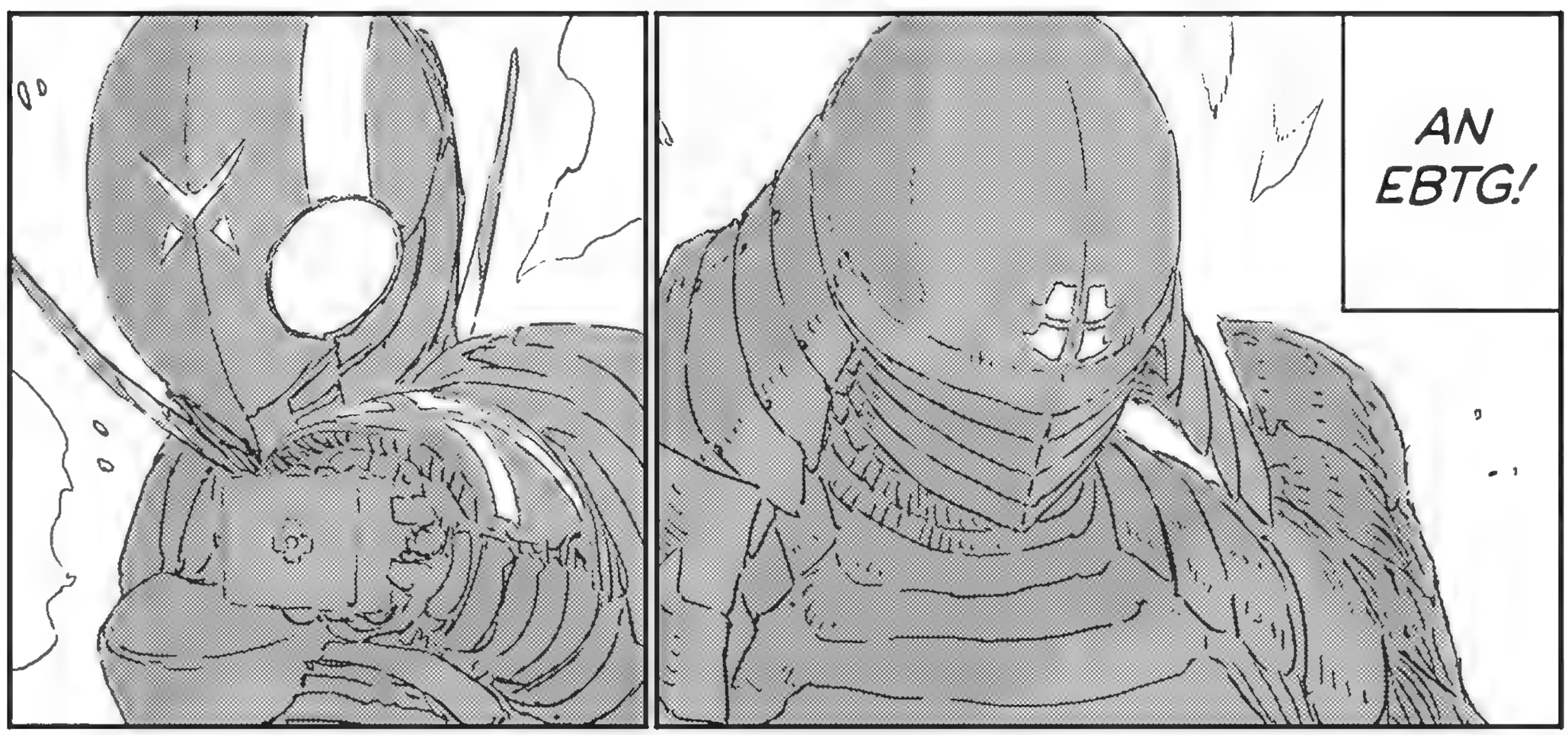
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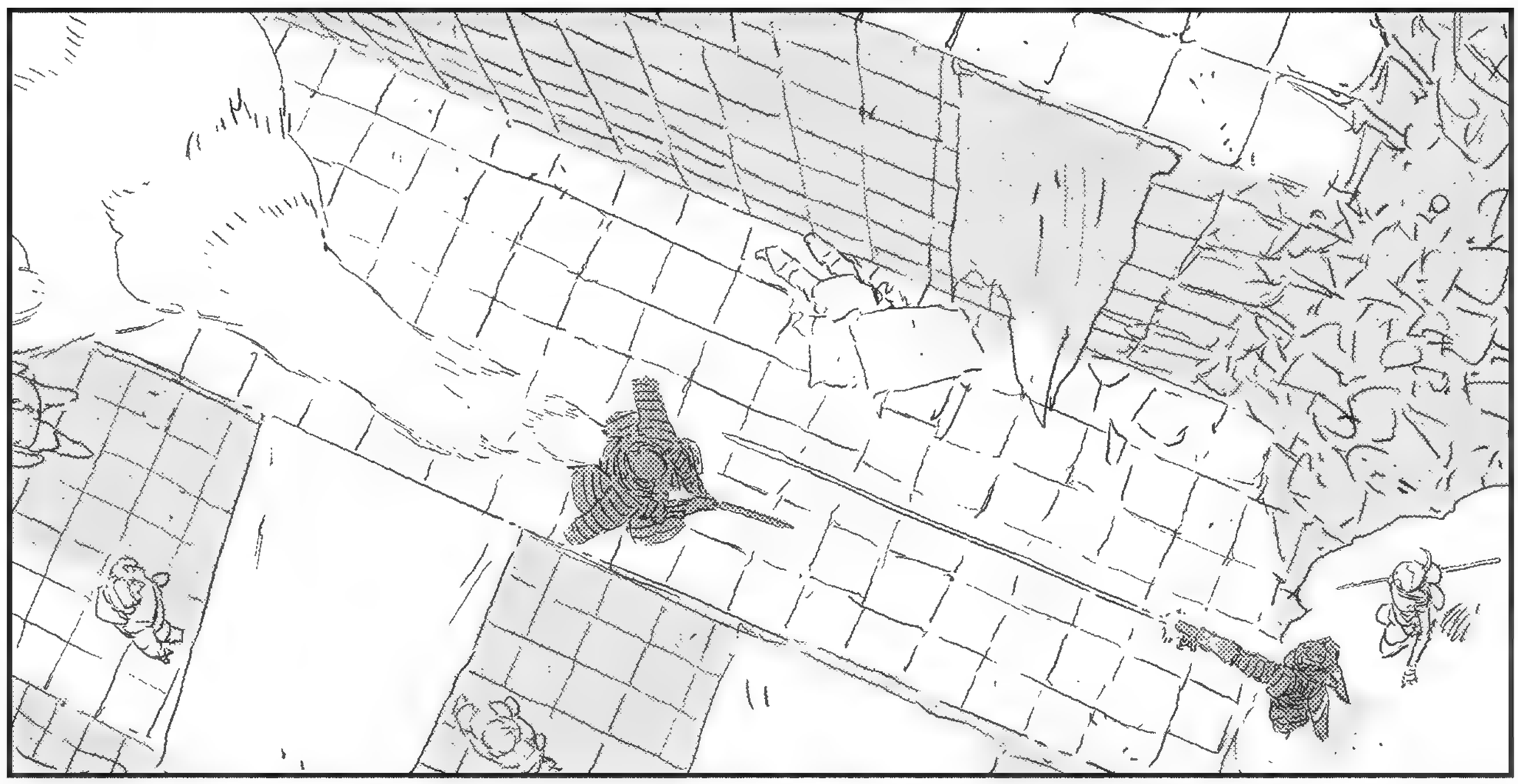
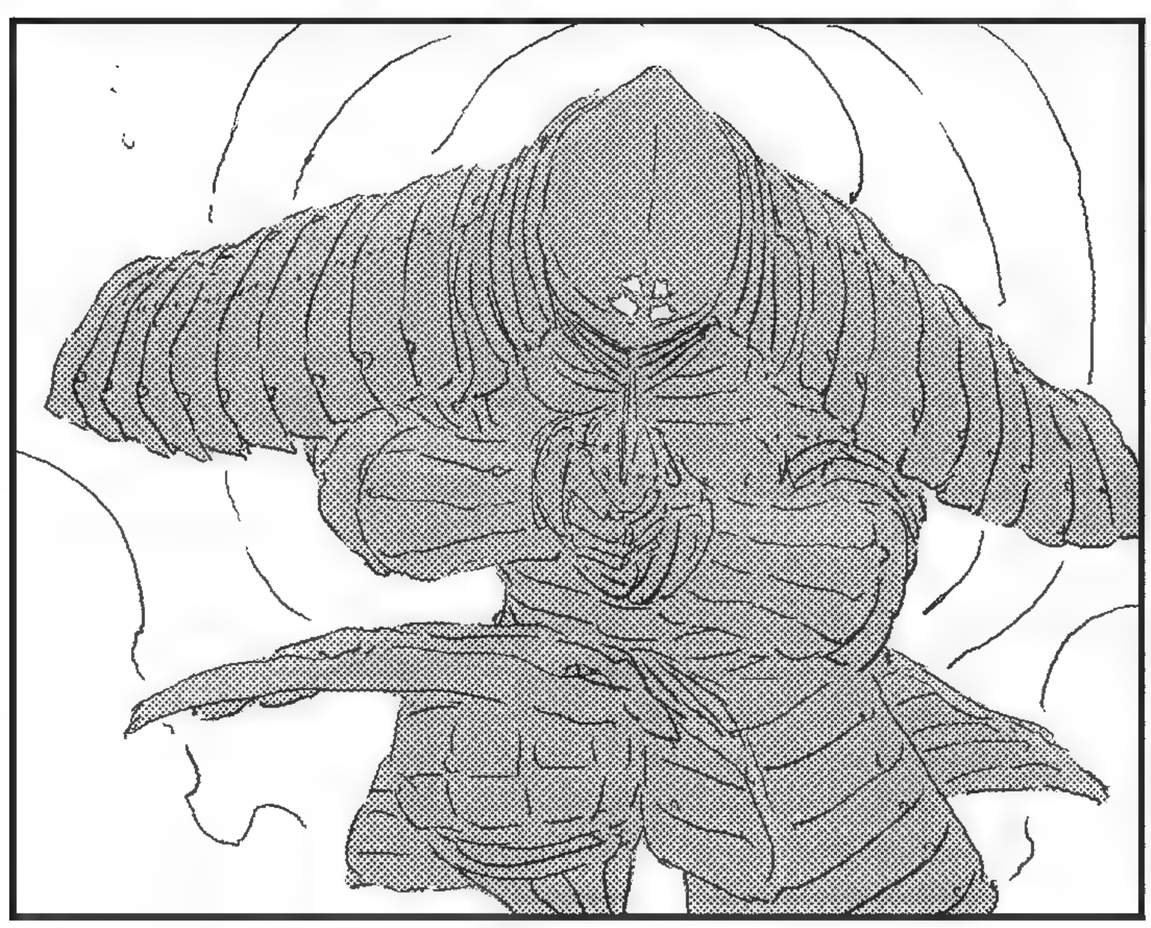
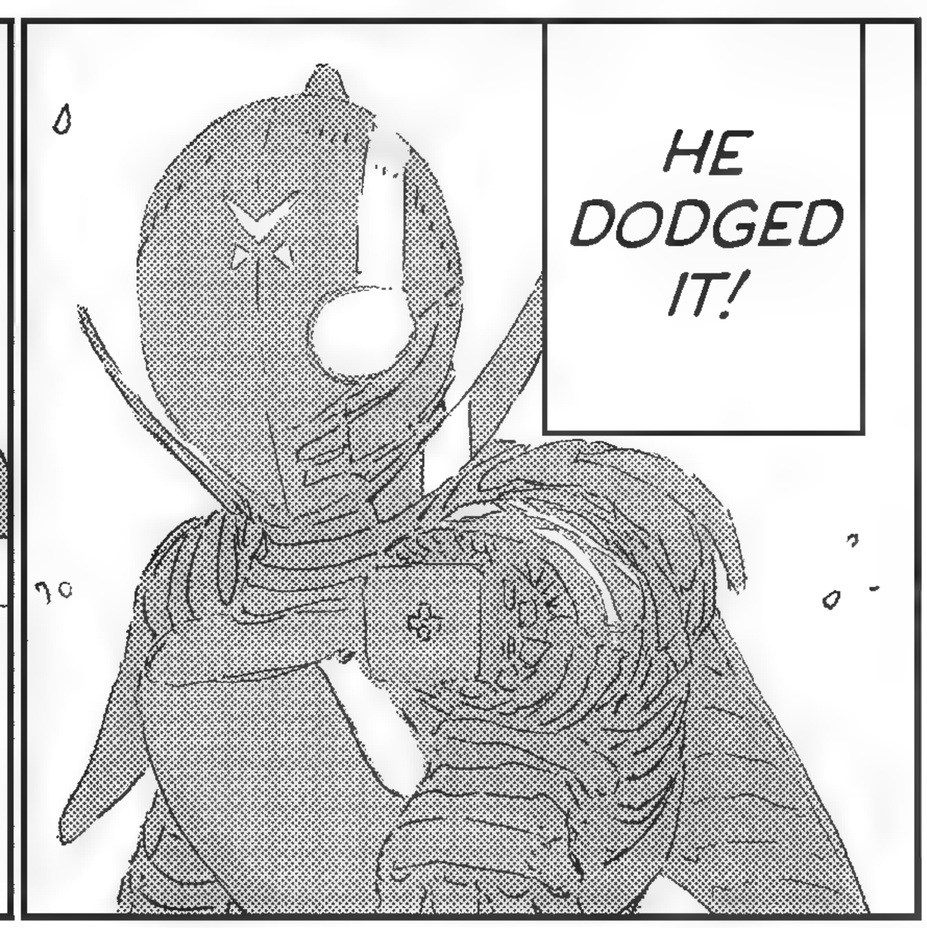
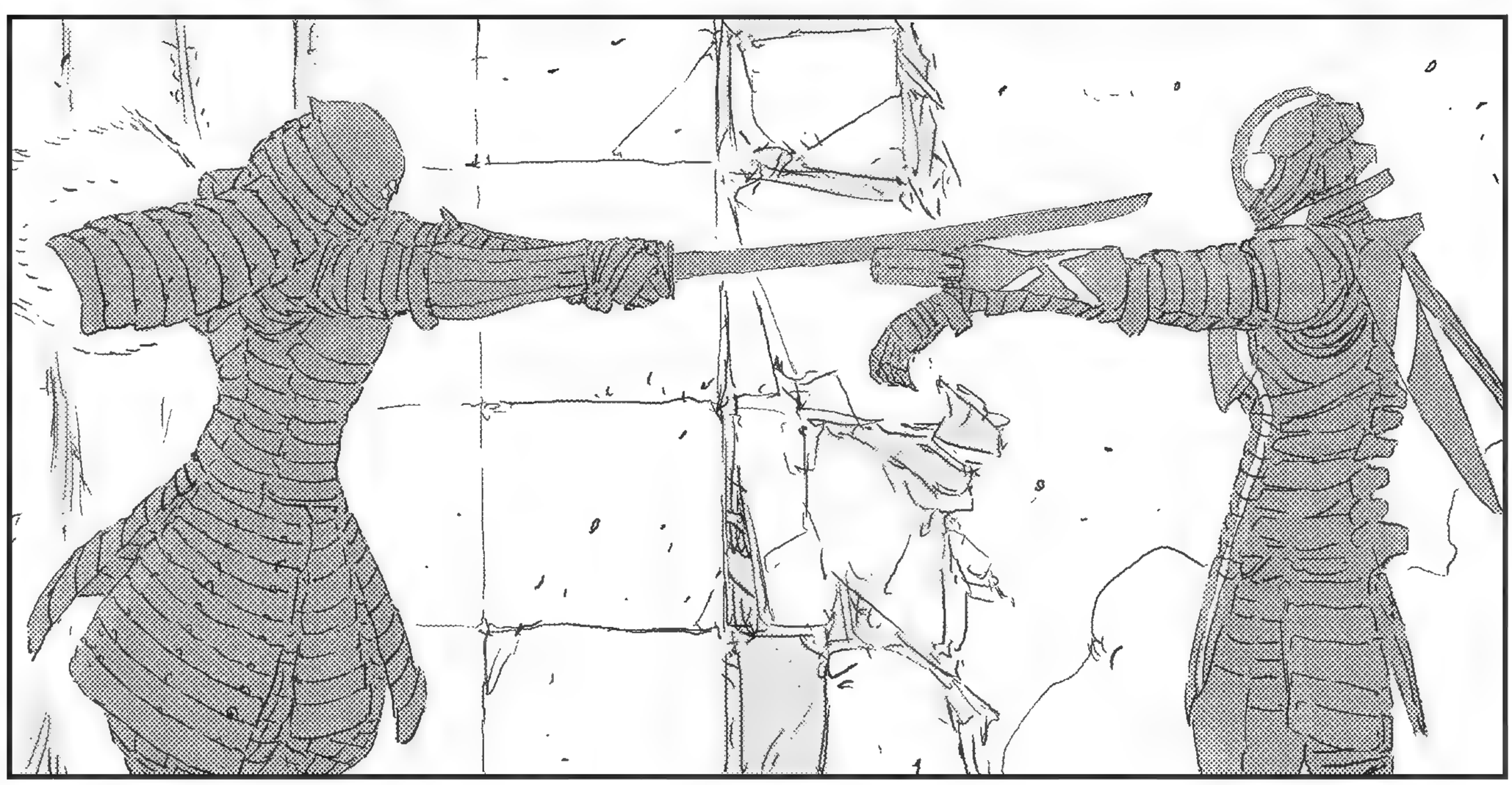
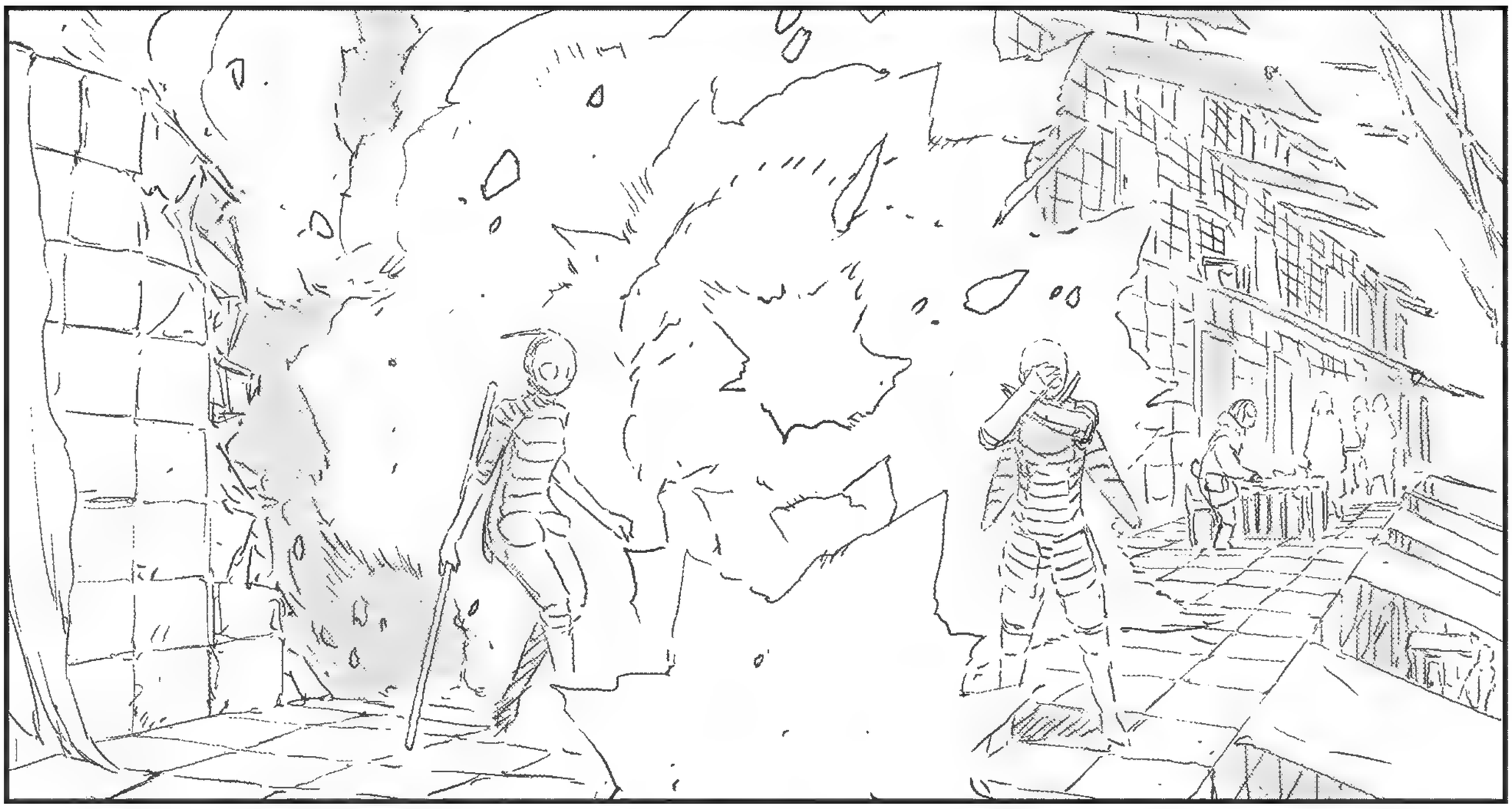
SHOW ME WHAT IT CAN DO!

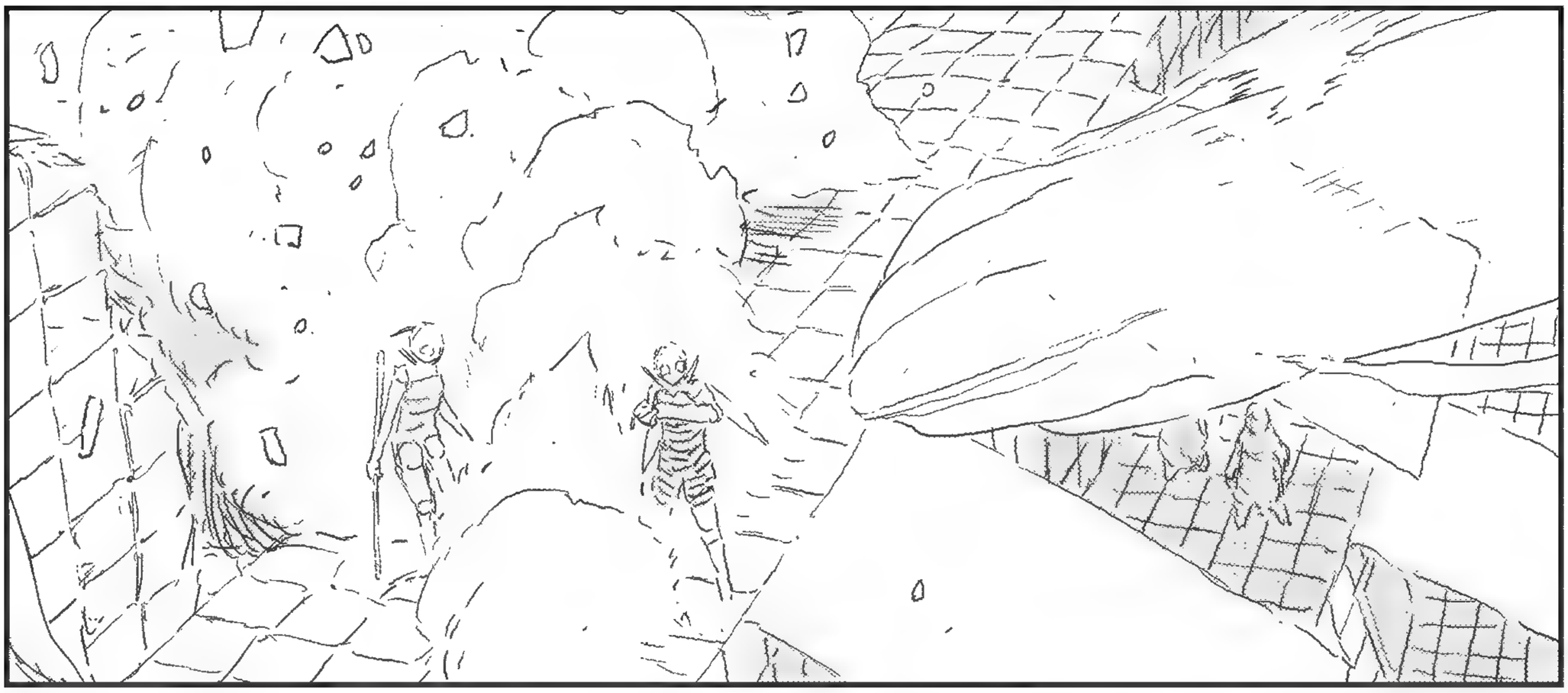


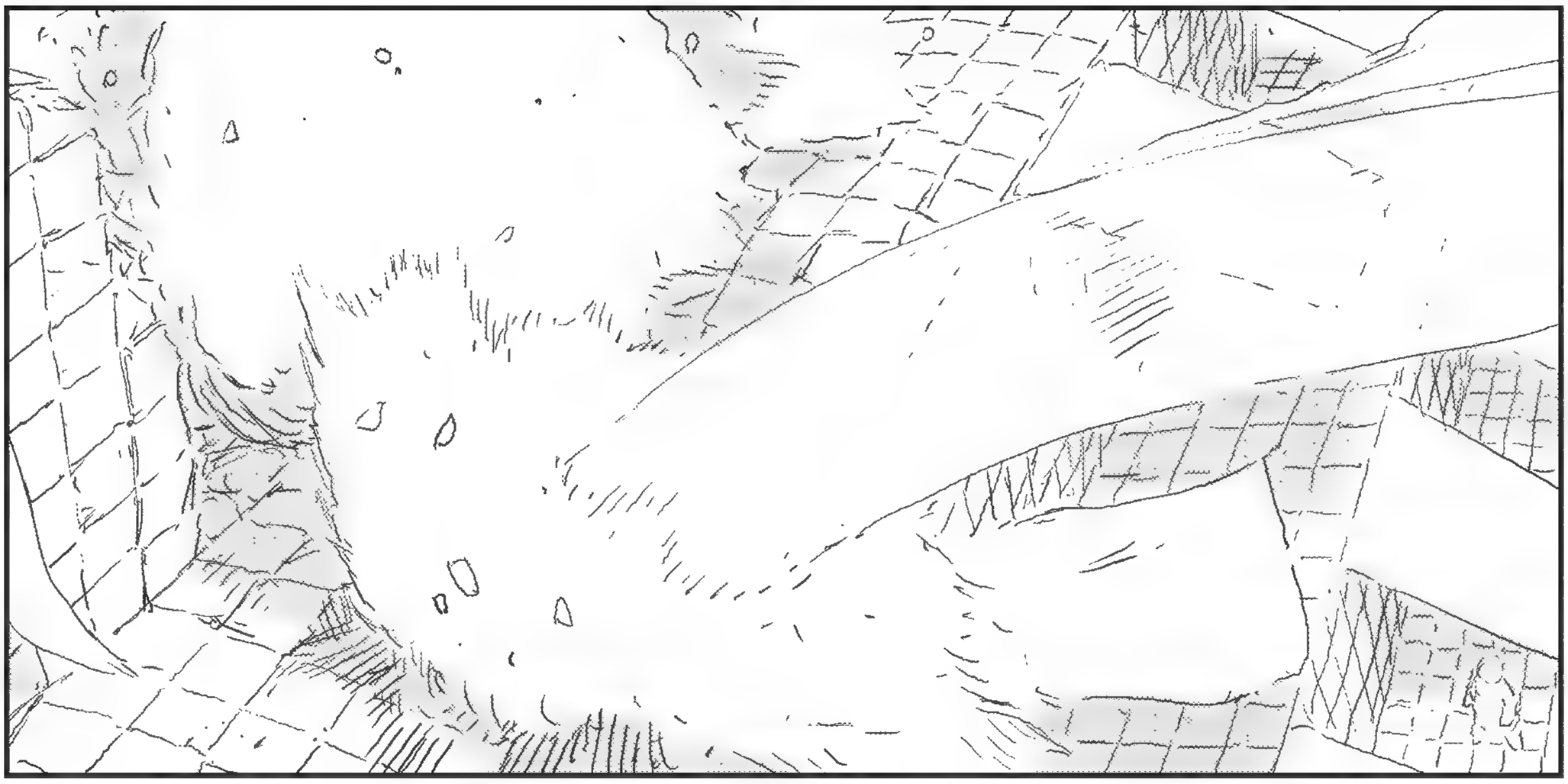


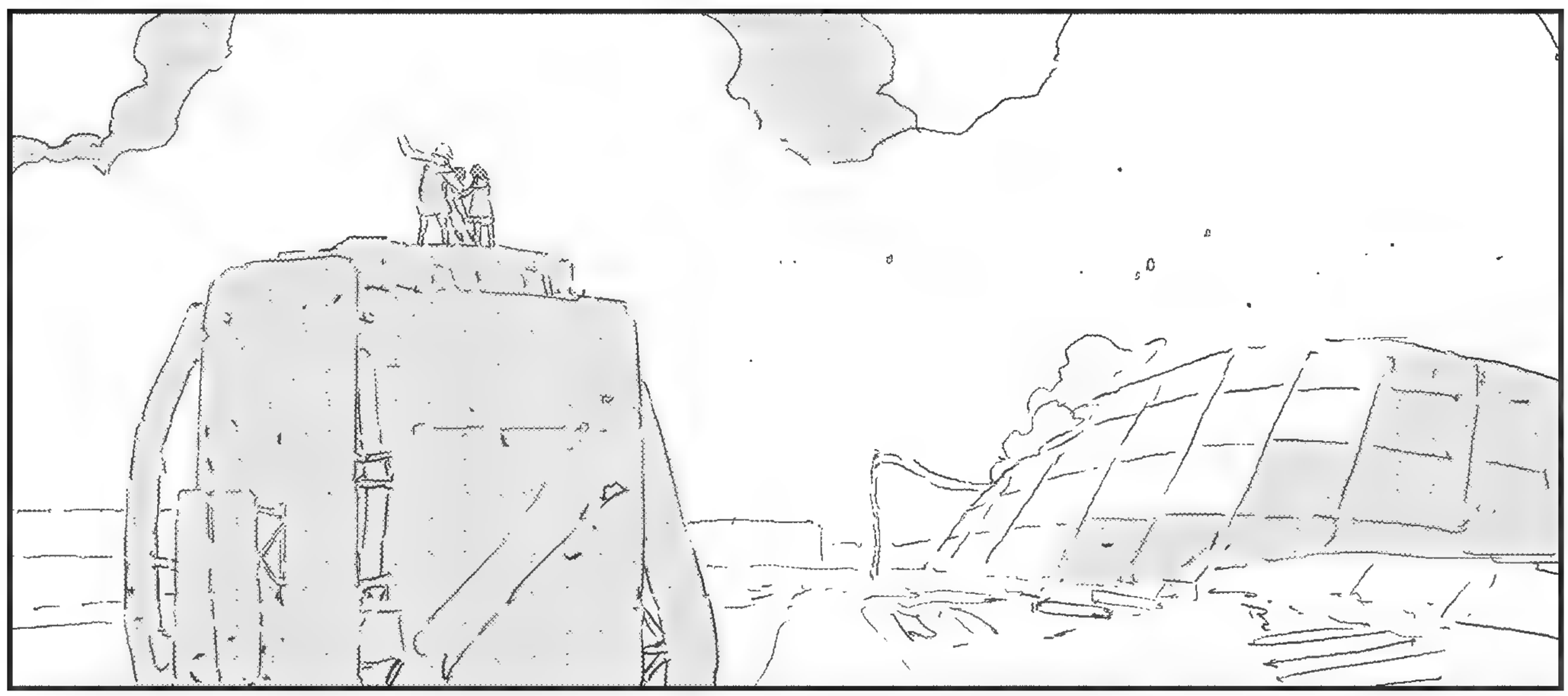

HE DODGED IT!

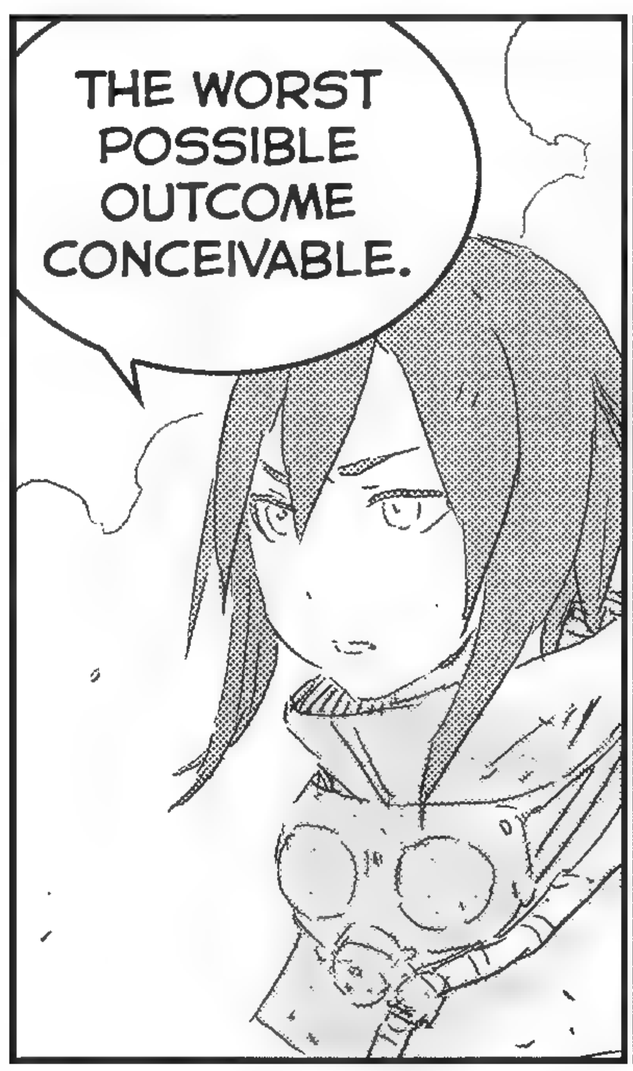








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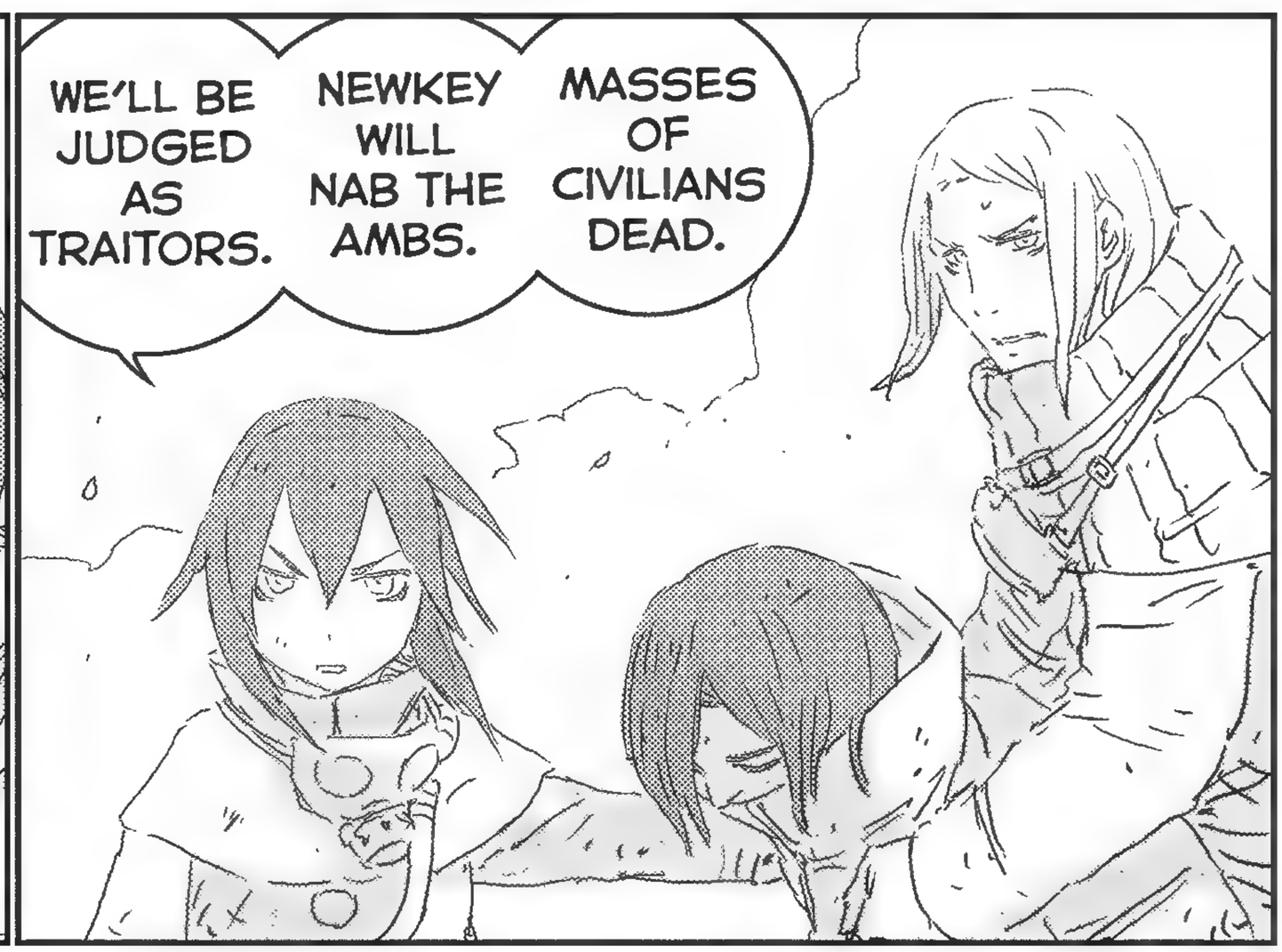
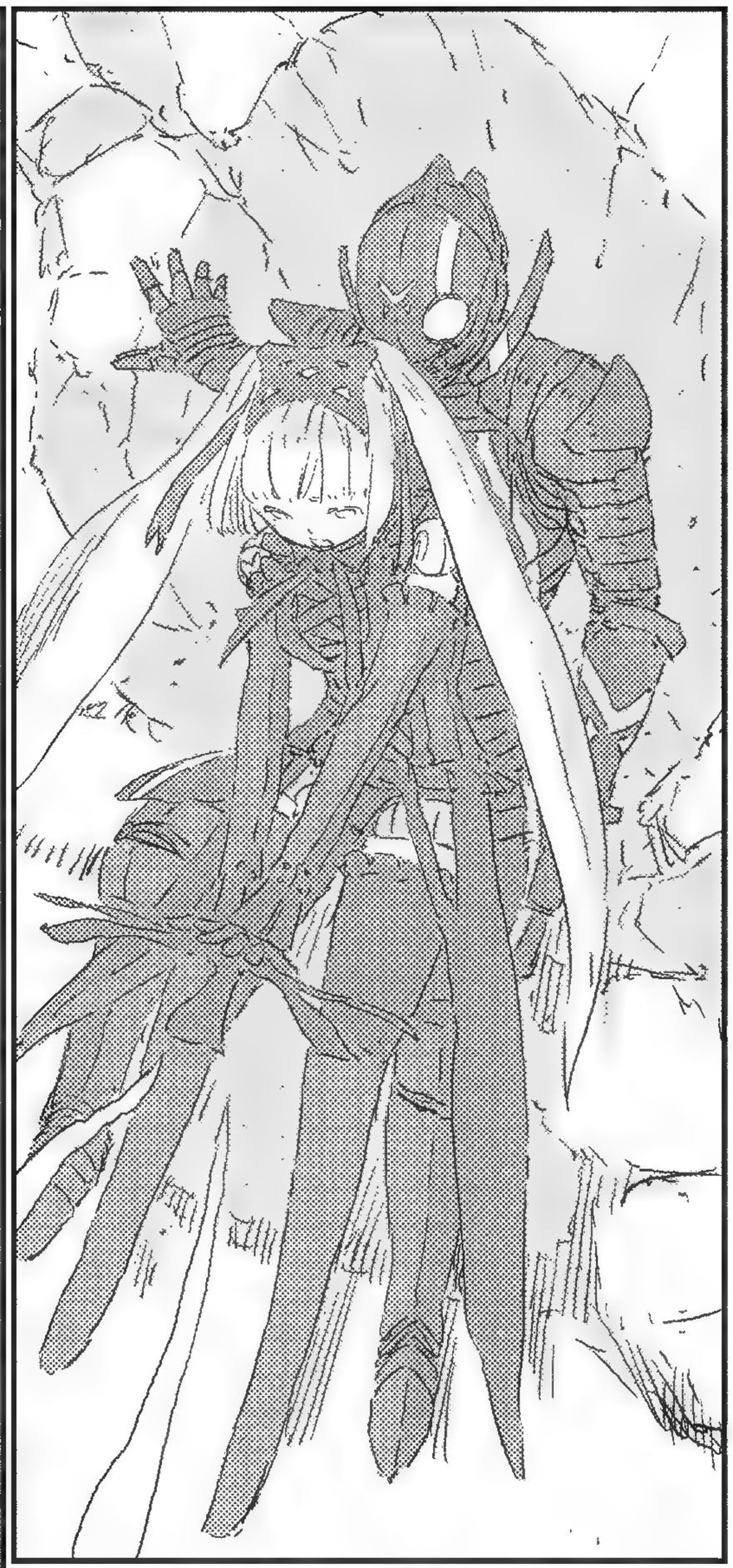
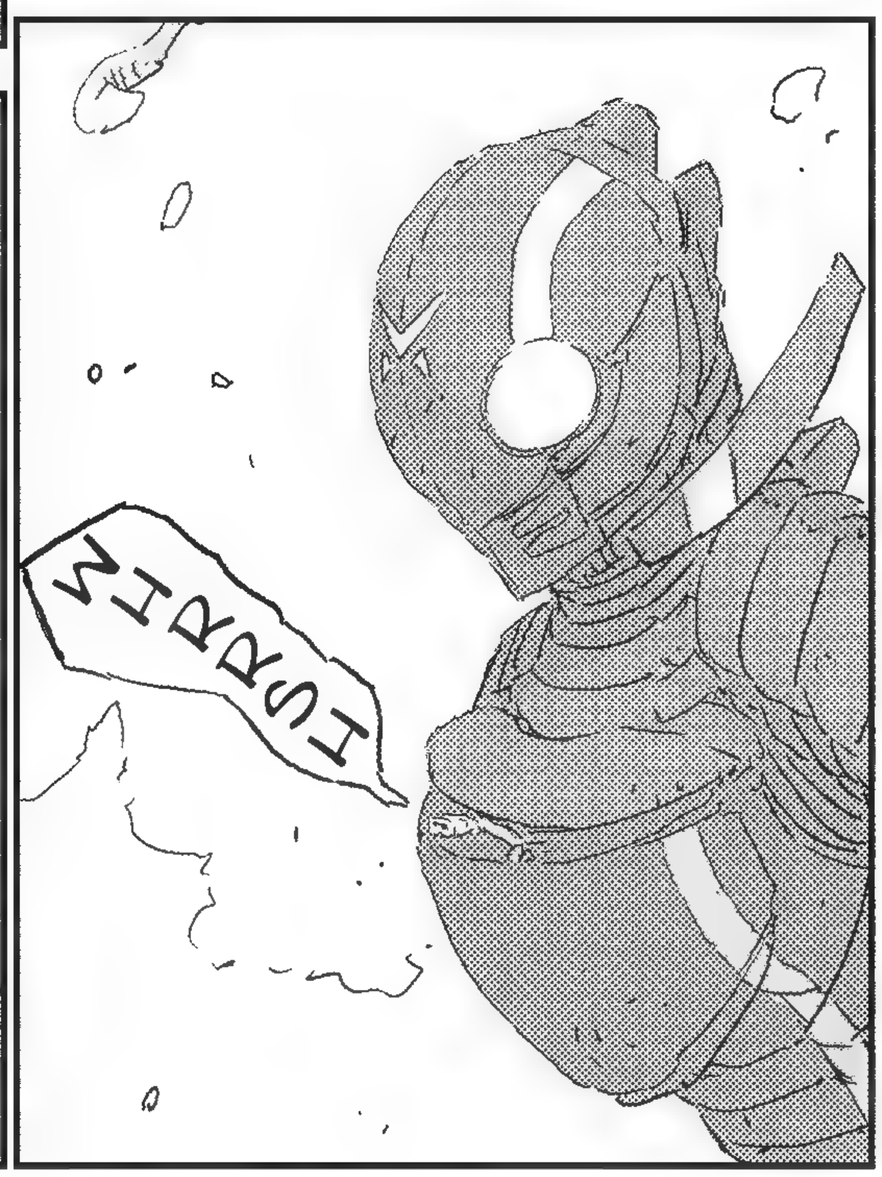

WE'LL BE JUDGED AS TRAITORS.
NEWKEY WILL NAB THE AMBS.
MASSES OF CIVILIANS DEAD.

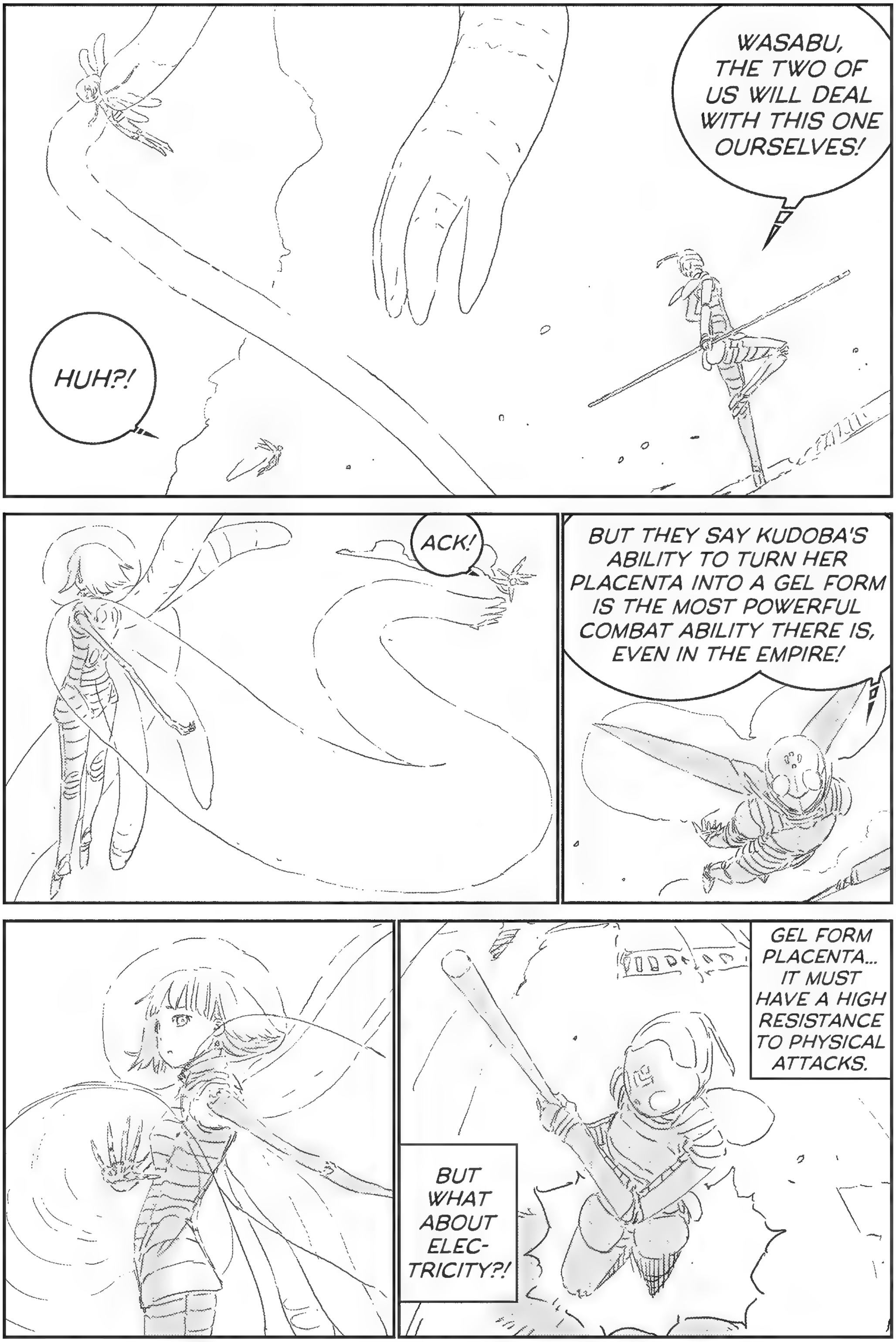
BAKKOOM

BUT YOU CAN'T USE TITANIA'S ONCE-A-DAY PROTECTION ANYMORE.

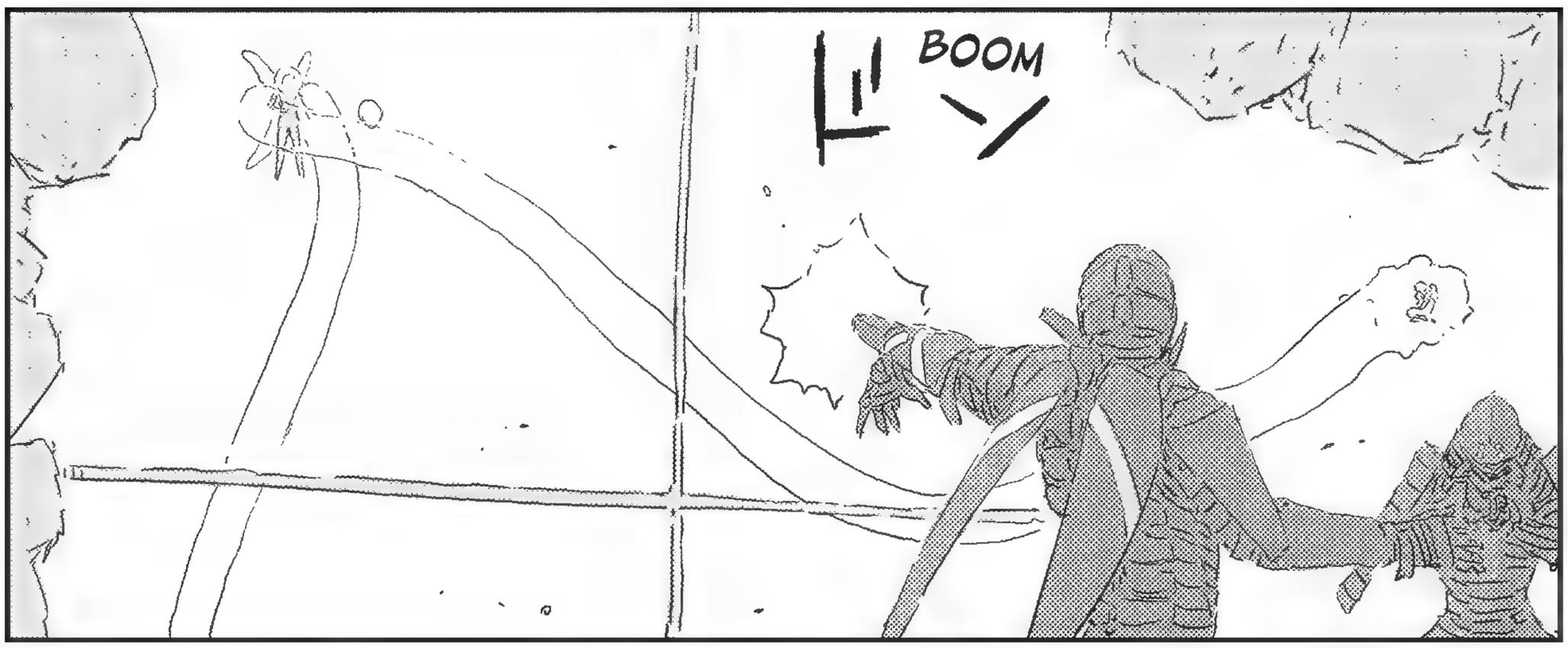
SO YOU PROTECTED YOURSELF FROM THE THRUST OF MY SEMI-MEGASTRUCTURAL BLADE. THAT'S A GOOD SHIELD YOU HAVE THERE,






WASABU, THE TWO OF US WILL DEAL WITH THIS ONE OURSELVES!
HUH?!
ACK!
BUT THEY SAY KUDOBA'S ABILITY TO TURN HER PLACENTA INTO A GEL FORM IS THE MOST POWERFUL COMBAT ABILITY THERE IS, EVEN IN THE EMPIRE!
GEL FORM PLACENTA... IT MUST HAVE A HIGH RESISTANCE TO PHYSICAL ATTACKS.
BUT WHAT ABOUT ELEC-TRICITY?!

IT WORKED !
GRAB
KEISHAAA !
SQUEEZE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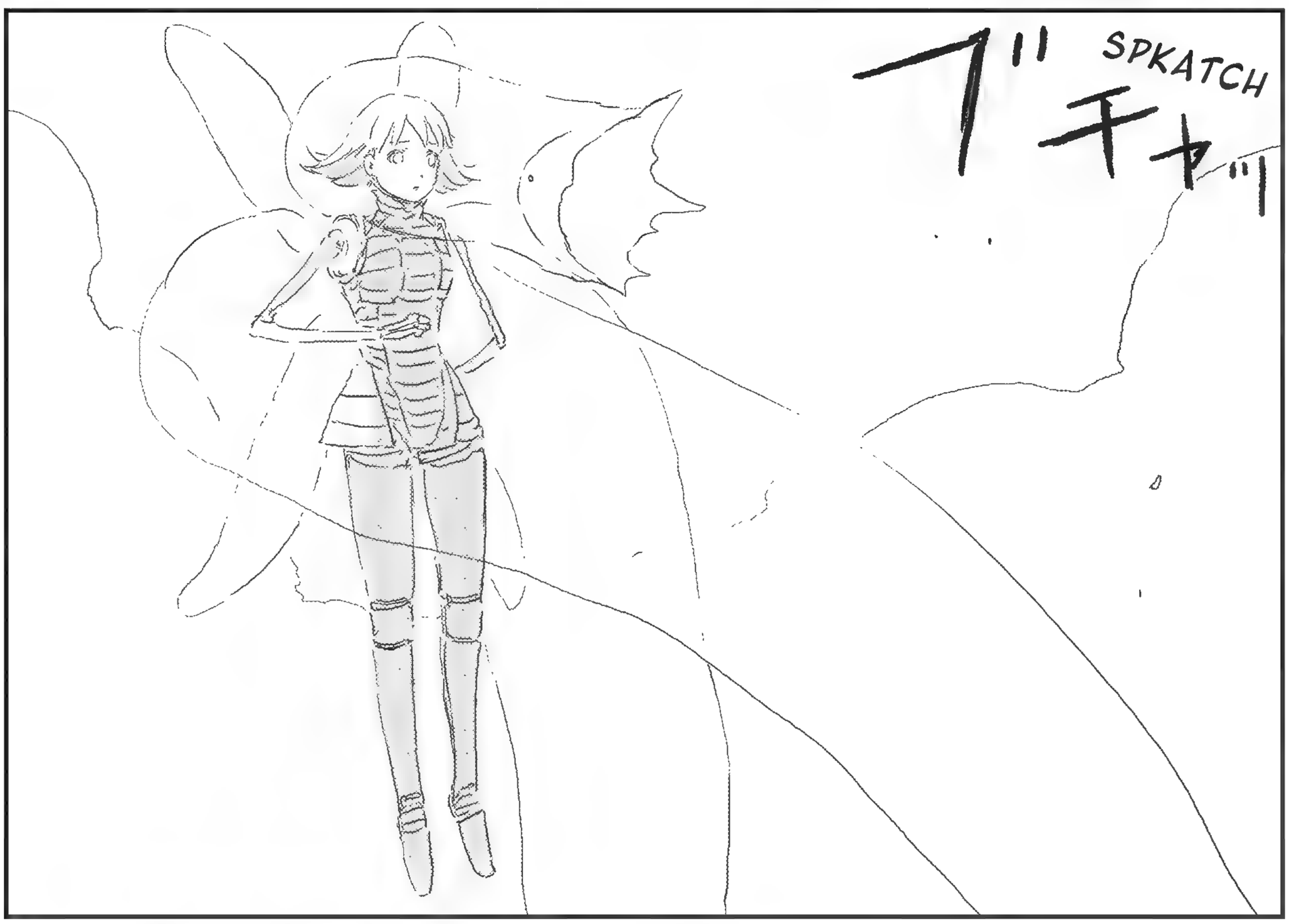
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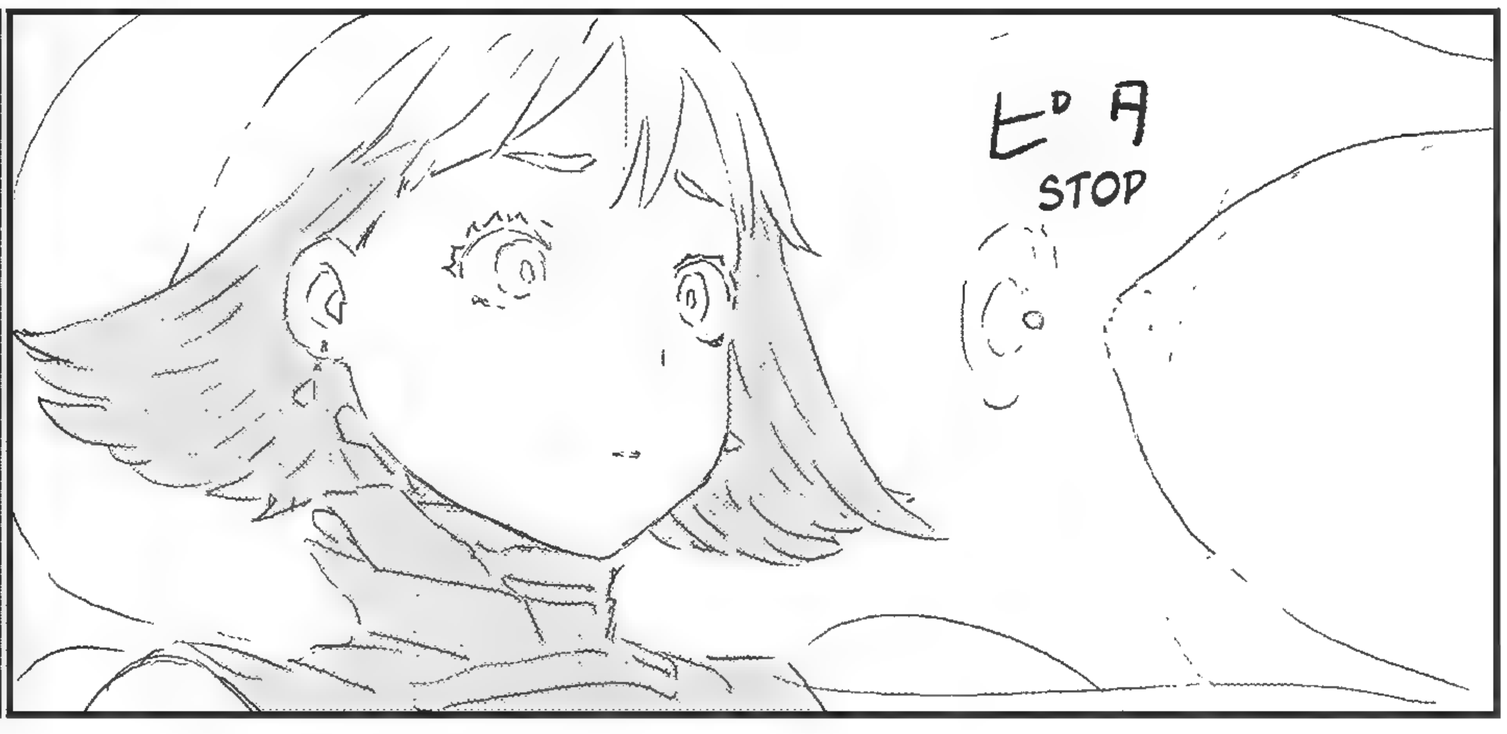
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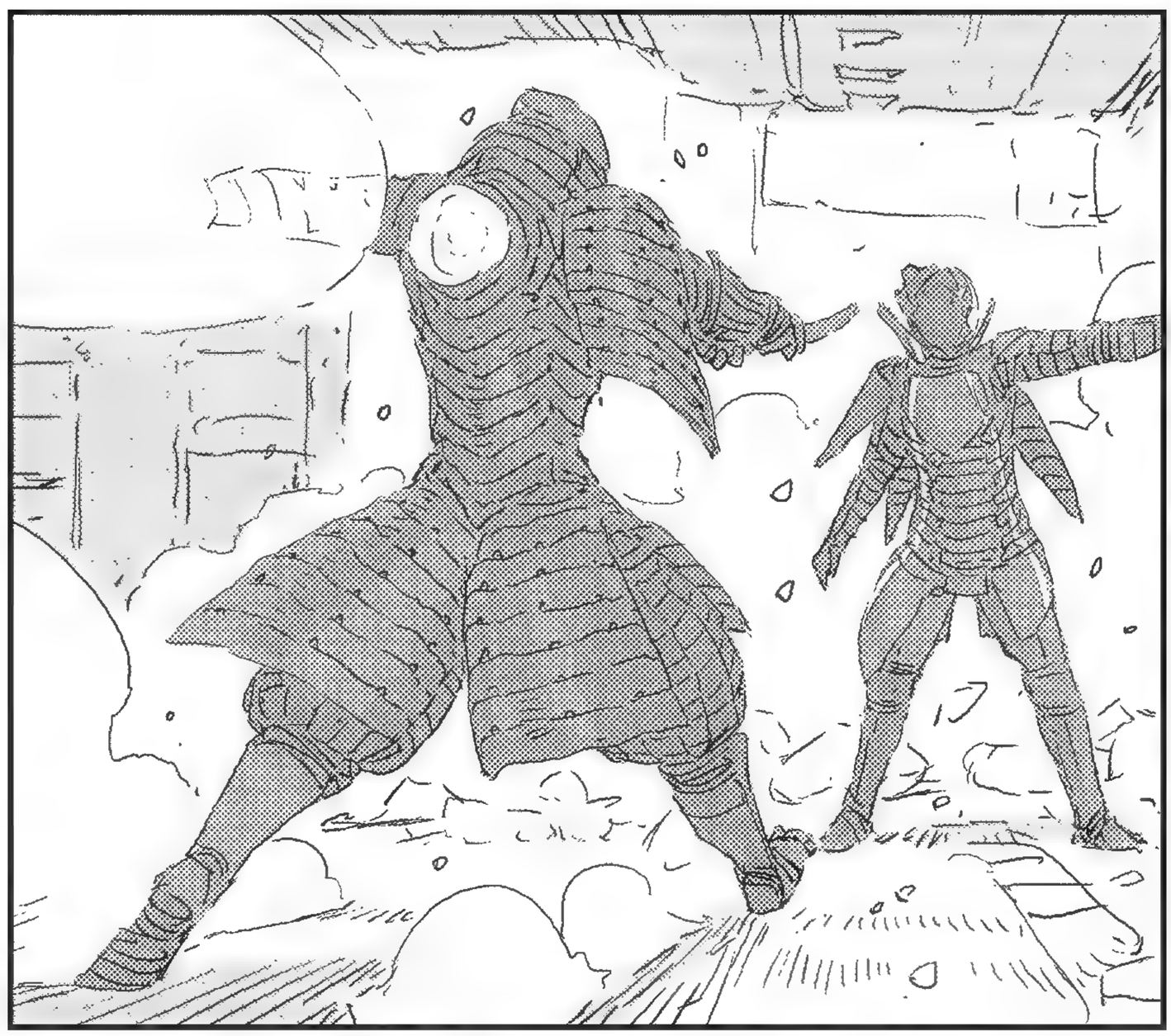
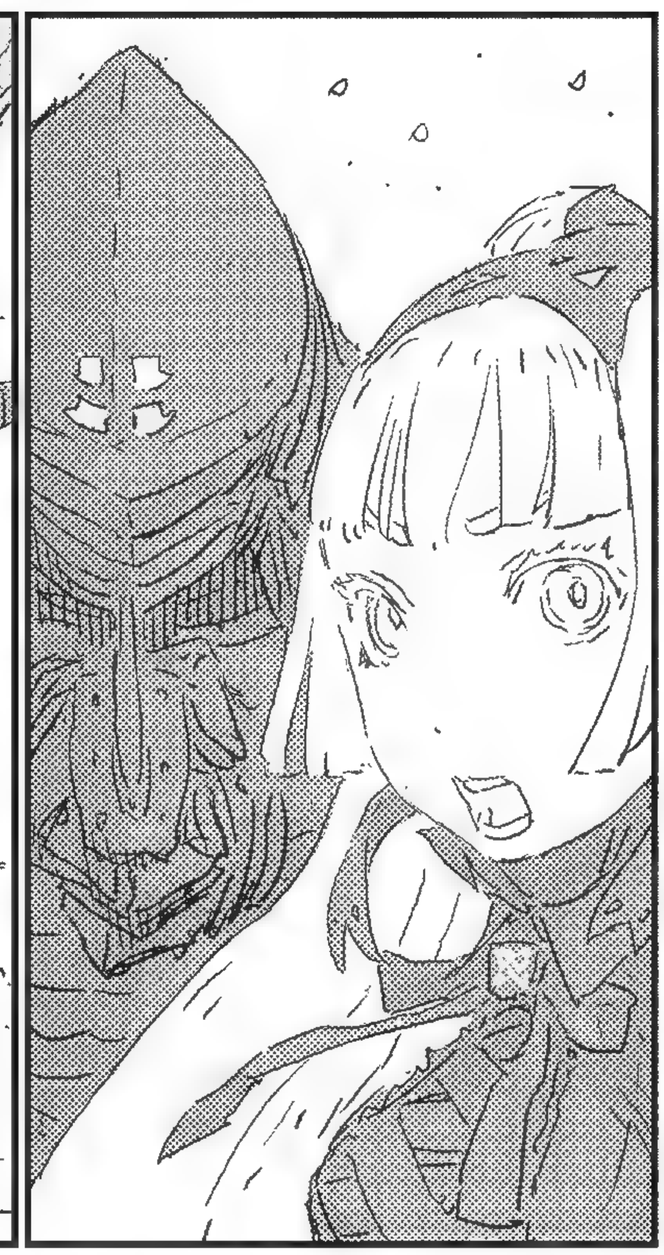
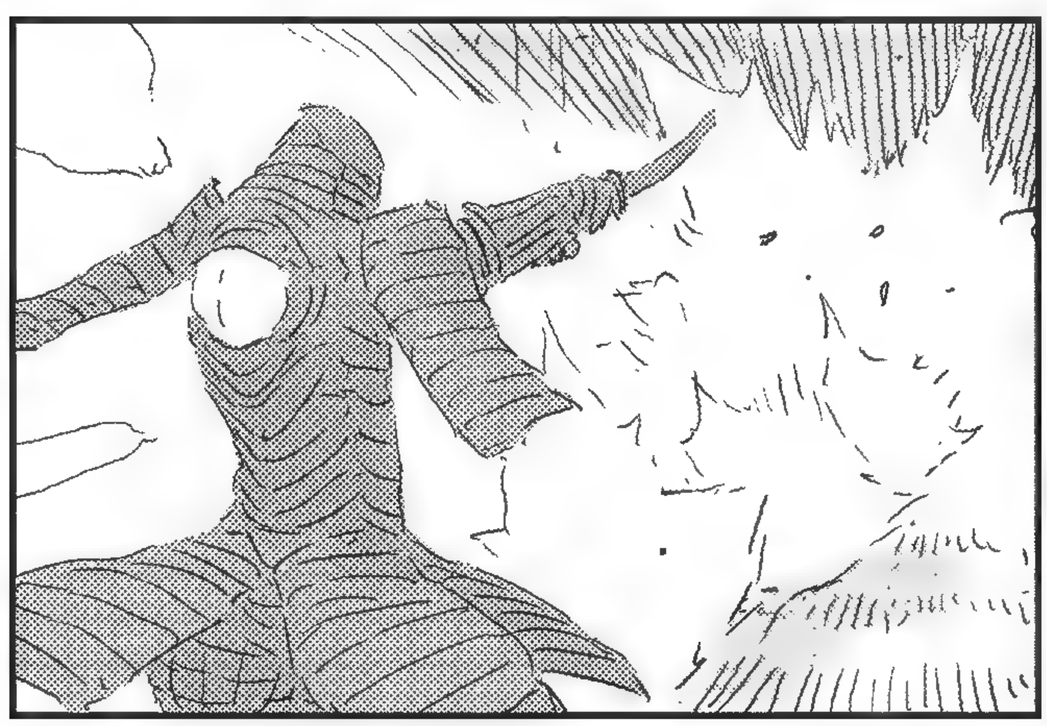
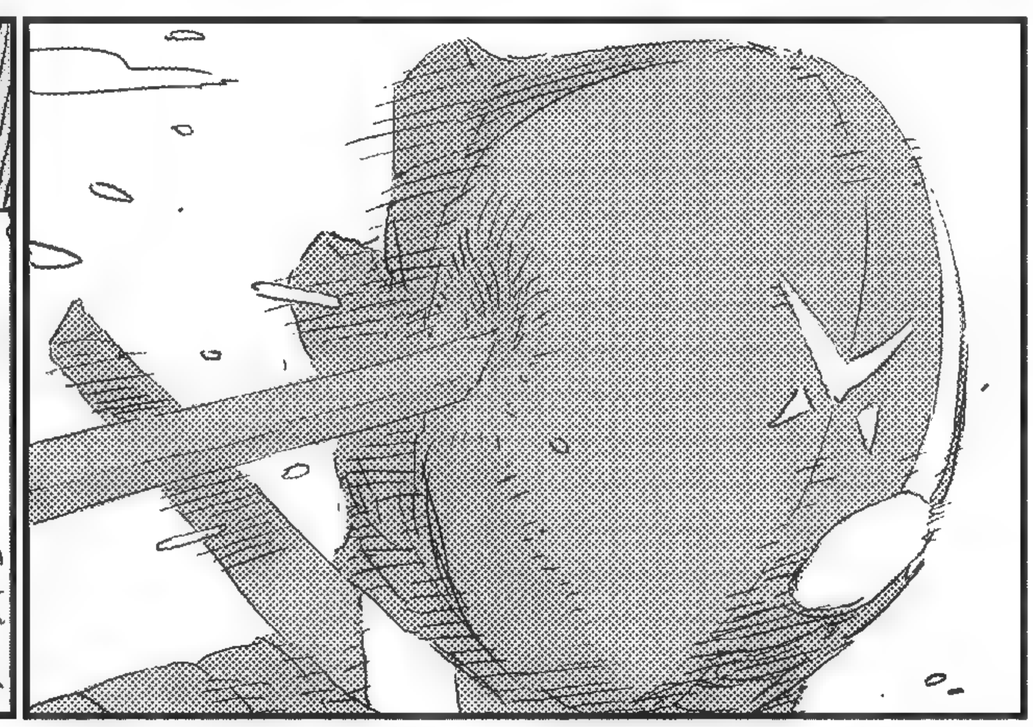
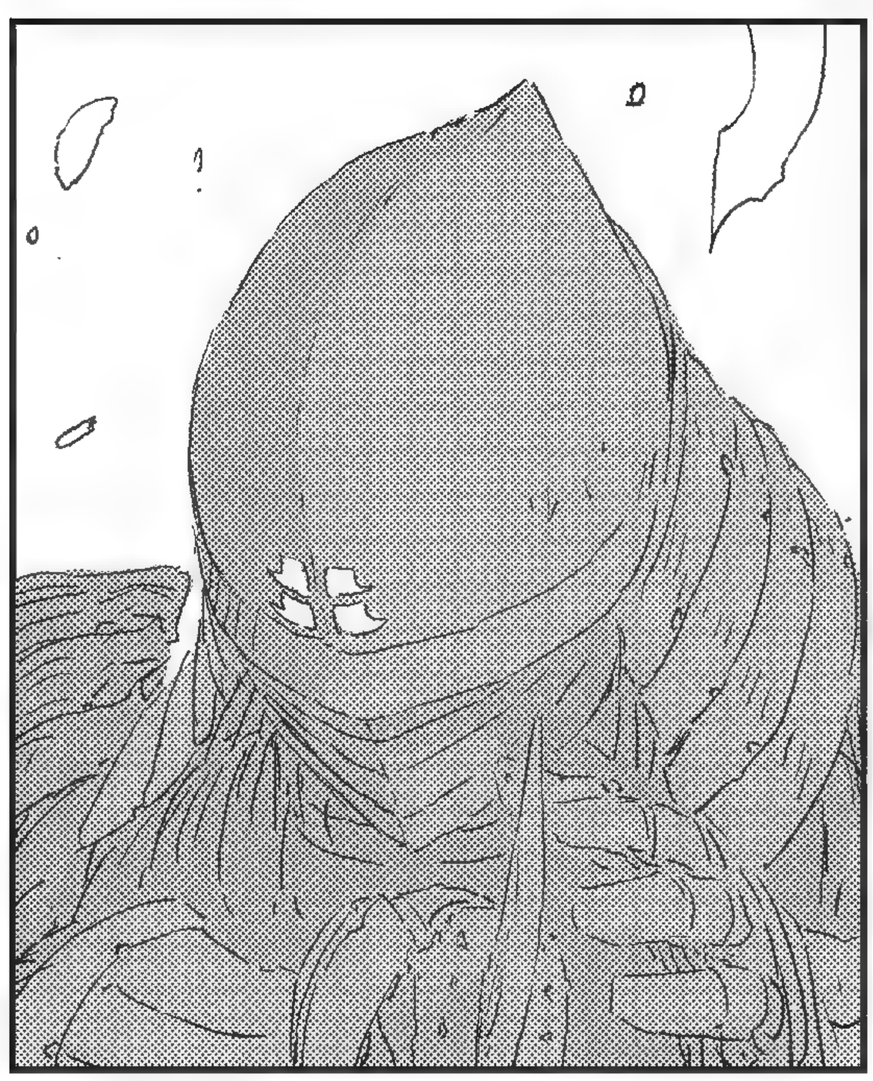
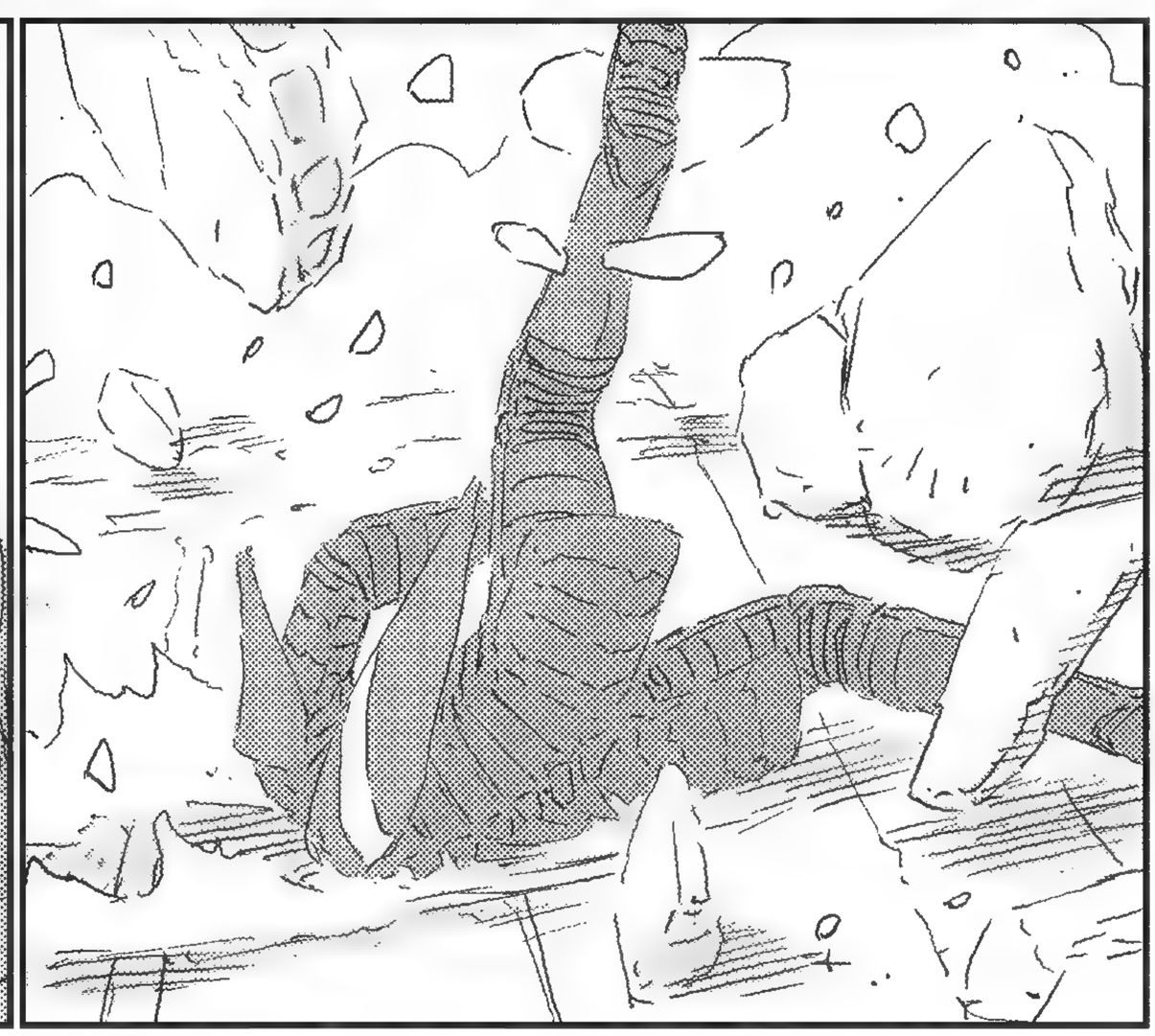
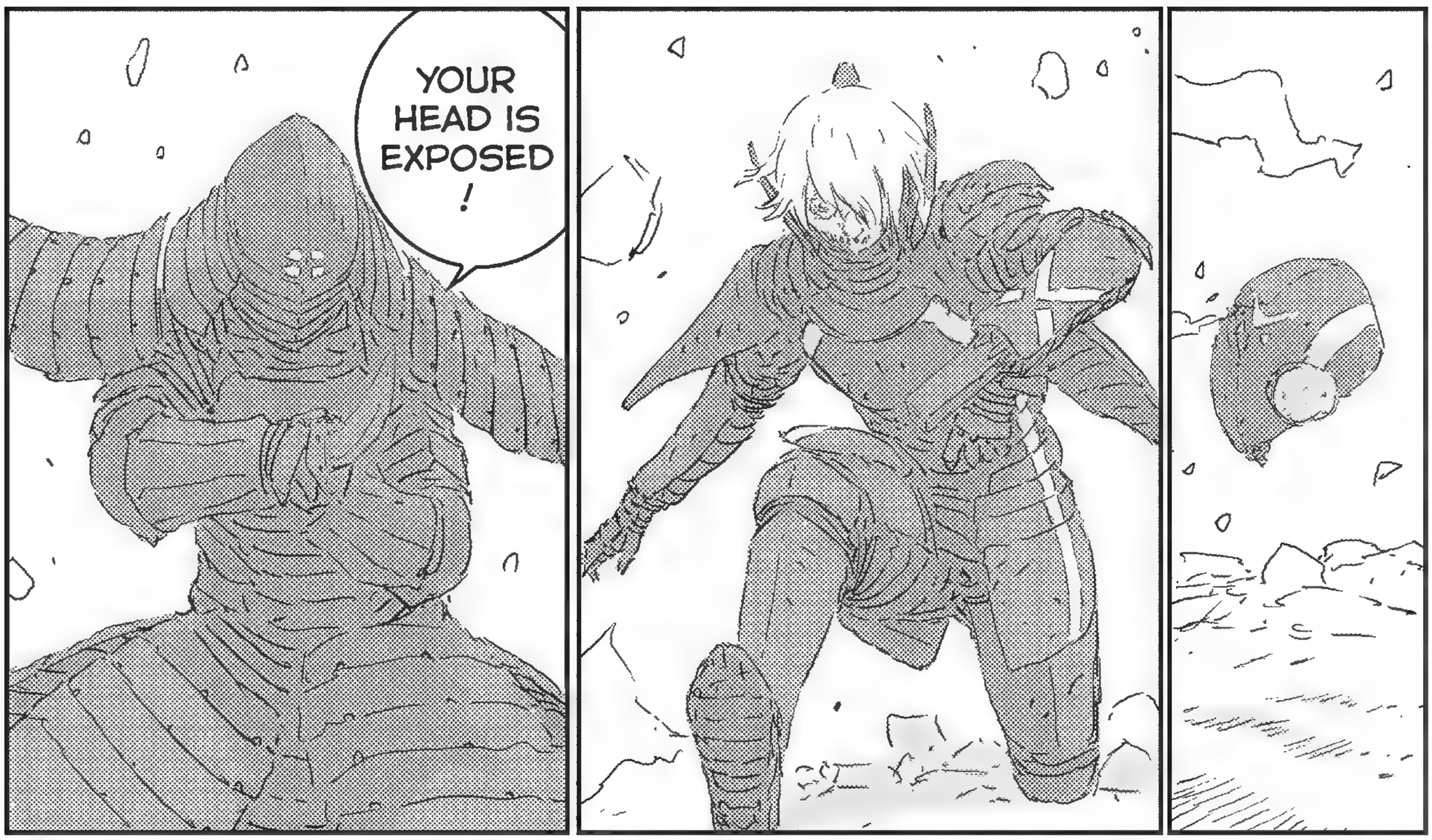
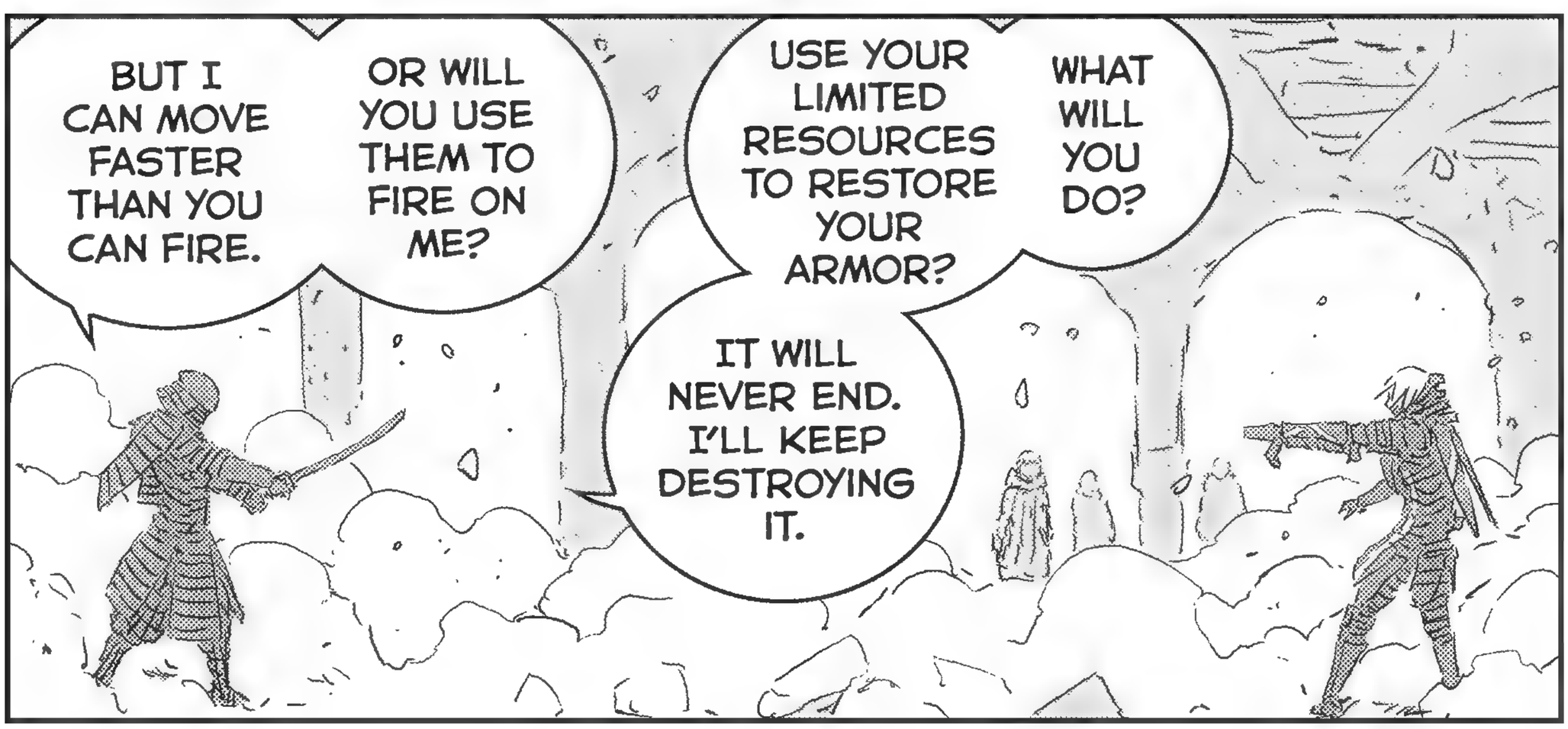
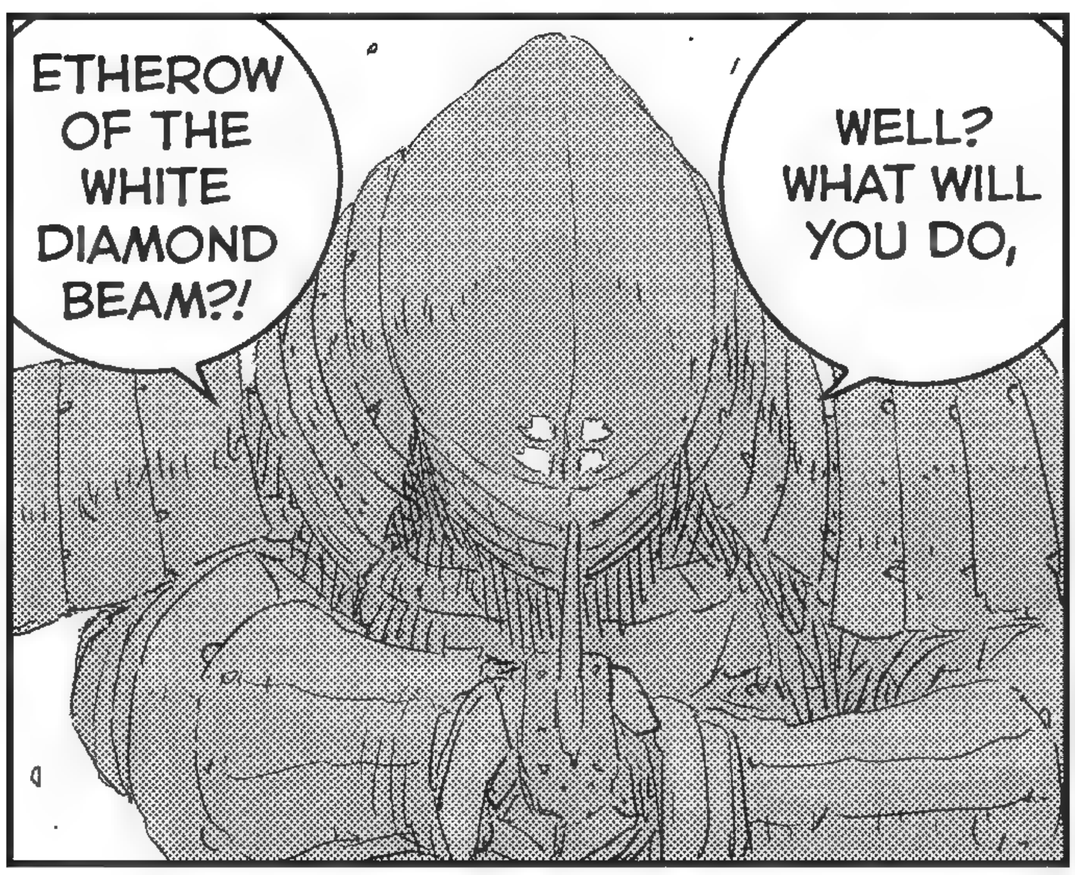
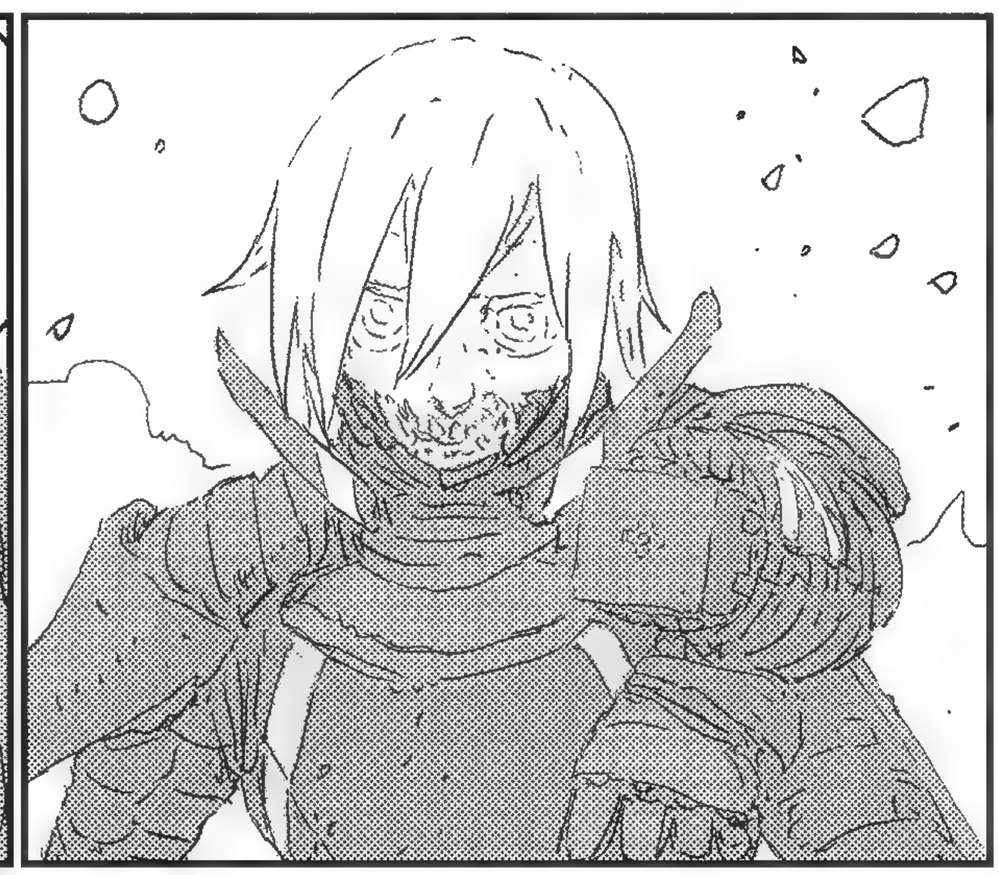








YOUR HEAD IS EXPOSED!


BUT I CAN MOVE FASTER THAN YOU CAN FIRE.
OR WILL YOU USE THEM TO FIRE ON ME?
USE YOUR LIMITED RESOURCES TO RESTORE YOUR ARMOR?
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
IT WILL NEVER END. I'LL KEEP DESTROYING IT.


ETHEROW OF THE WHITE DIAMOND BEAM?!
WELL? WHAT WILL YOU DO,



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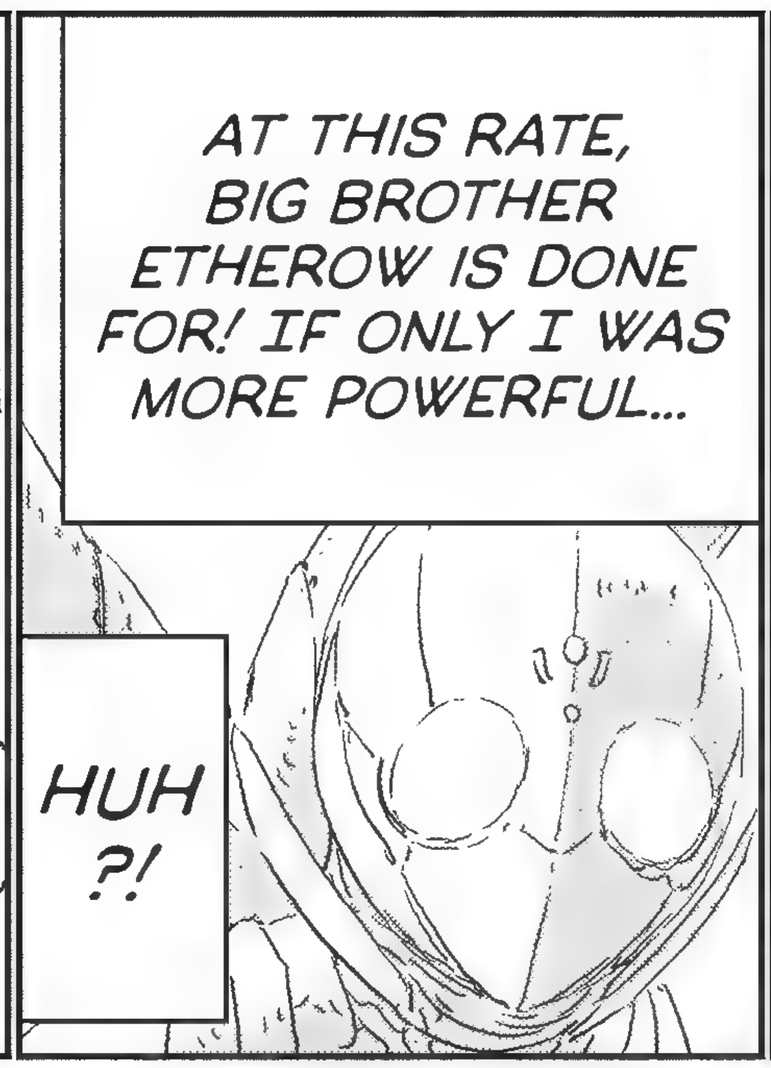
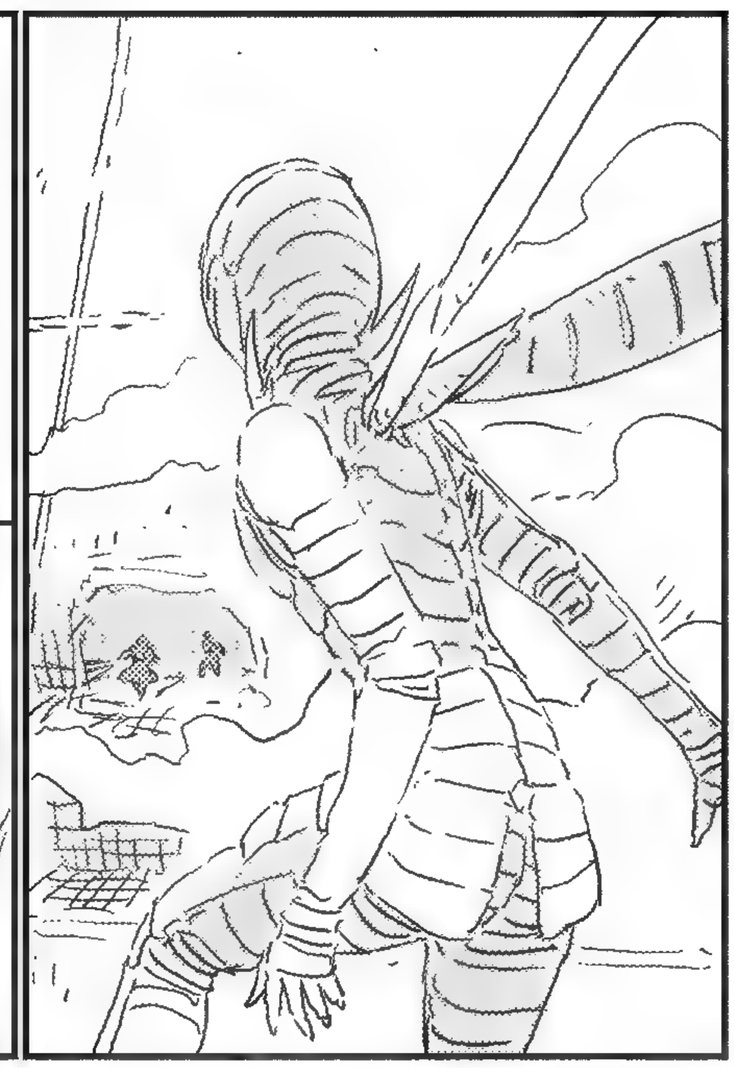
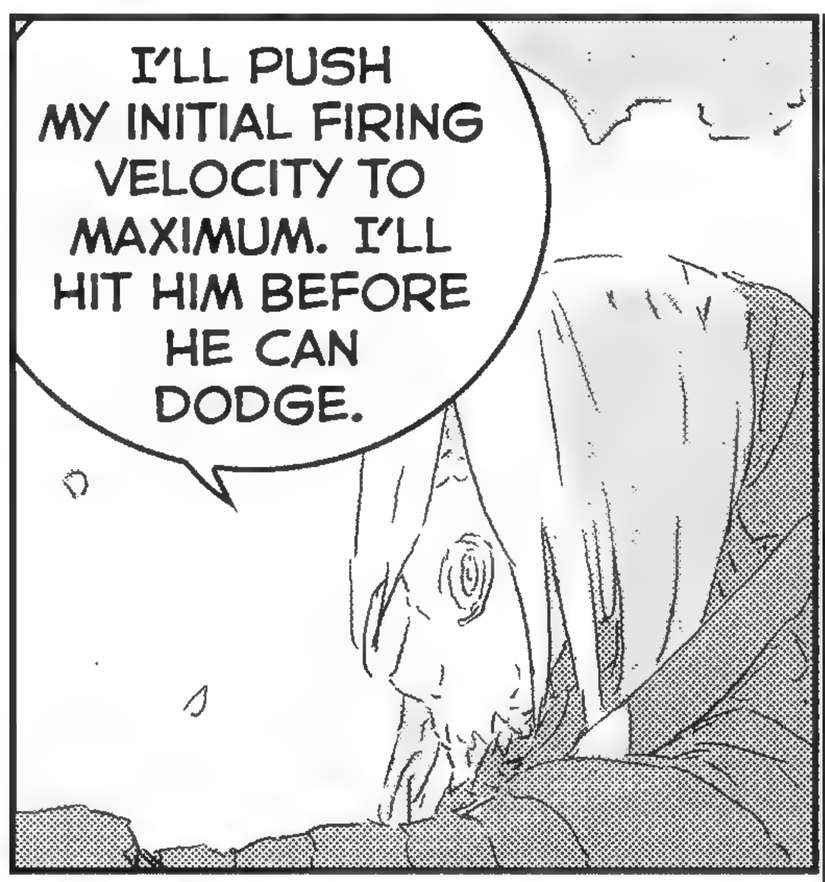
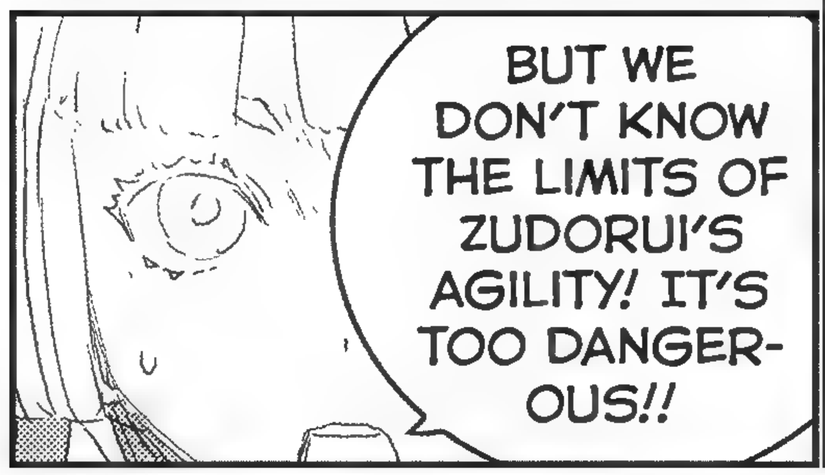
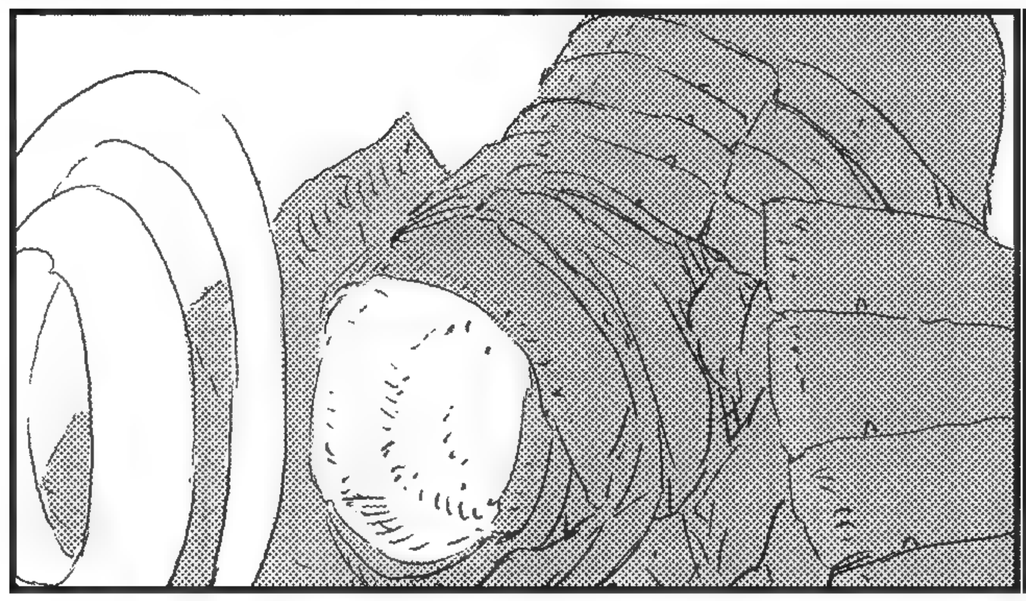

AT THIS RATE, BIG BROTHER ETHEROW IS DONE FOR! IF ONLY I WAS MORE POWERFUL...
HUH ?!

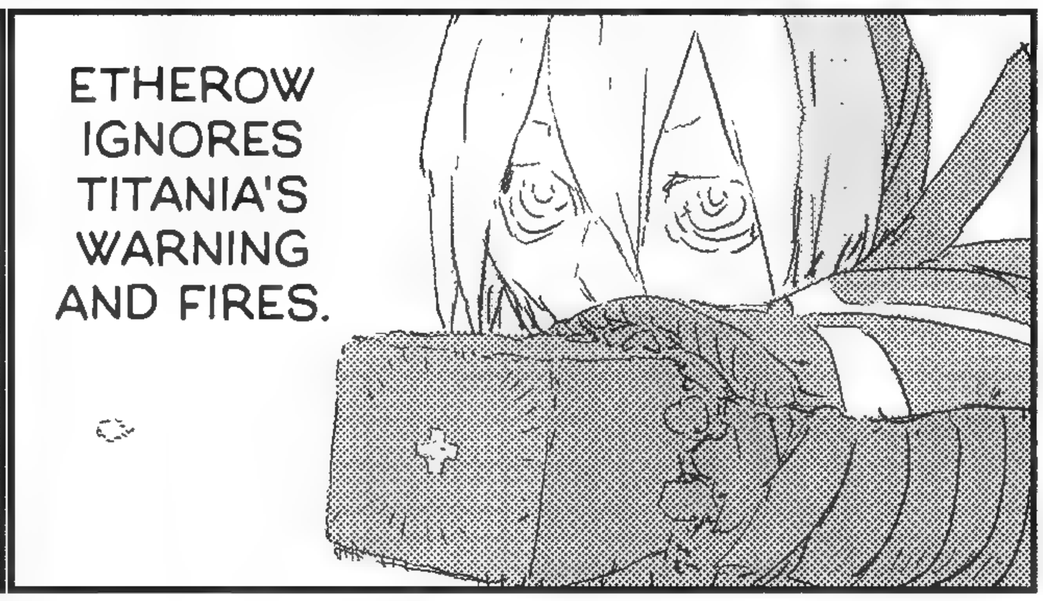


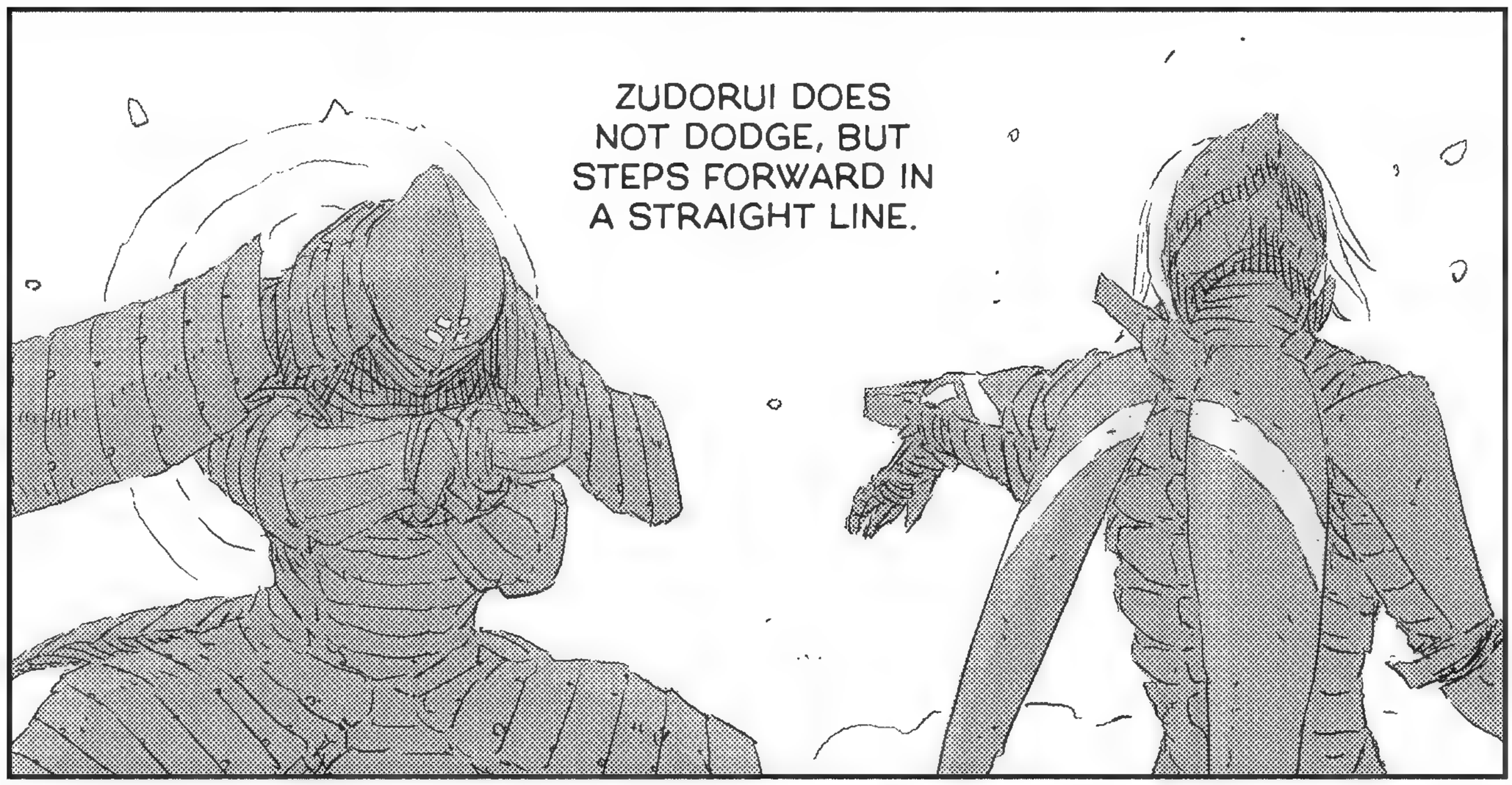

I'LL PUSH MY INITIAL FIRING VELOCITY TO MAXIMUM. I'LL HIT HIM BEFORE HE CAN DODGE.

IF YOU TAKE ANOTHER JAB ATTACK, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO AVOID YOUR HEAD BEING DESTROYED.
ETHEROW, YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO RECOVER.
WE SHOULD FOCUS ALL OUR EFFORT ON RETREATING TEMPORARILY TO RE-ORGANIZE!

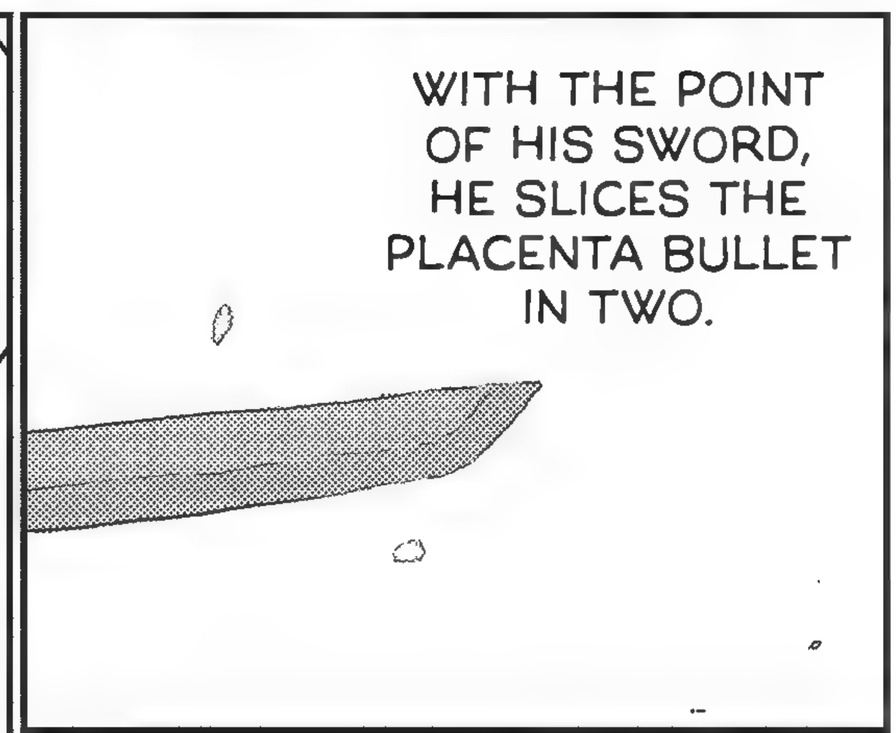

BUT WE DON'T KNOW THE LIMITS OF ZUDORUI'S AGILITY! IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS!!

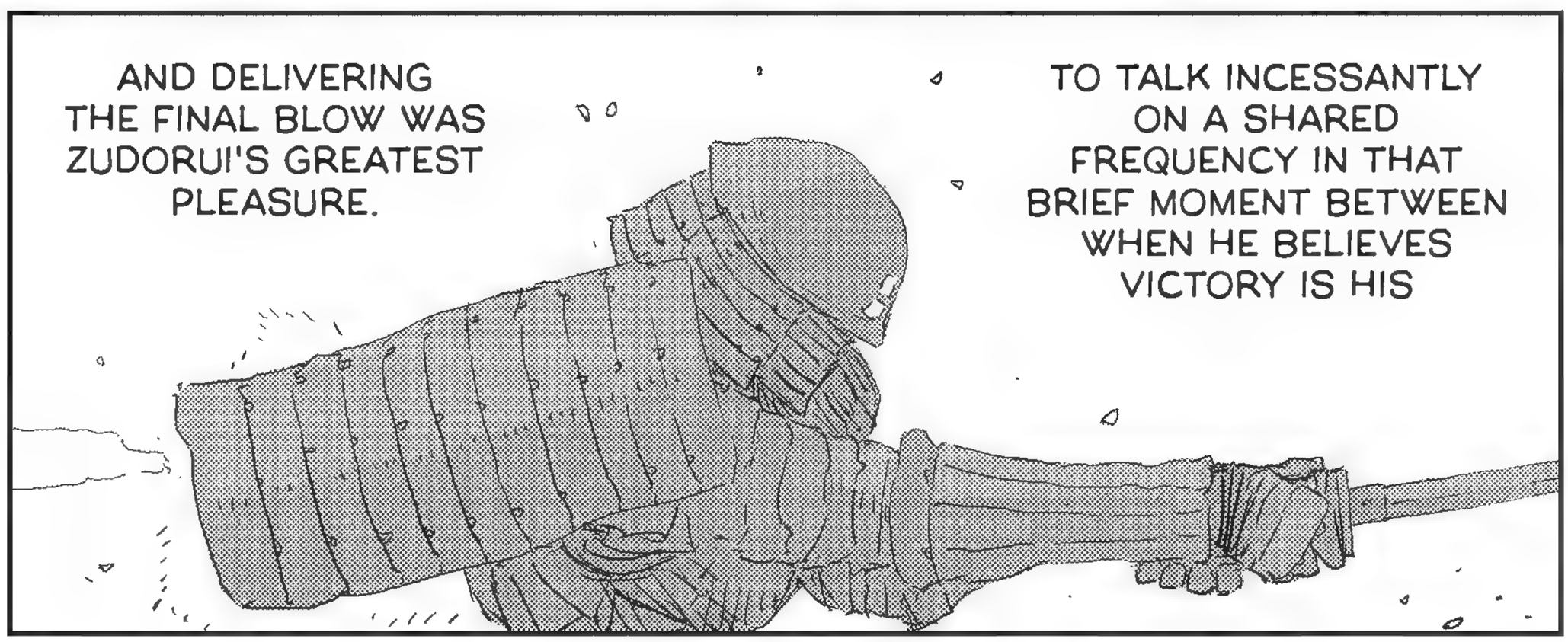



ETHEROW IGNORES TITANIA'S WARNING AND FIRES.


ZUDORUI DOES NOT DODGE, BUT STEPS FORWARD IN A STRAIGHT LINE.

BECAUSE YOU'LL DIE BEFORE YOU DO!
BUT YOU CAN'T FIRE ANYMORE,
IF THAT HAD BEEN AN AMB, VICTORY WOULD HAVE BEEN YOURS!


WITH THE POINT OF HIS SWORD, HE SLICES THE PLACENTA BULLET IN TWO.


AND DELIVERING THE FINAL BLOW WAS ZUDORUI'S GREATEST PLEASURE.
TO TALK INCESSANTLY ON A SHARED FREQUENCY IN THAT BRIEF MOMENT BETWEEN WHEN HE BELIEVES VICTORY IS HIS

I THINK YOU MEAN "A DEVICE THAT CAN ONLY FIRE FLECKS OF SNOT"! *WAH HA HA HA!*

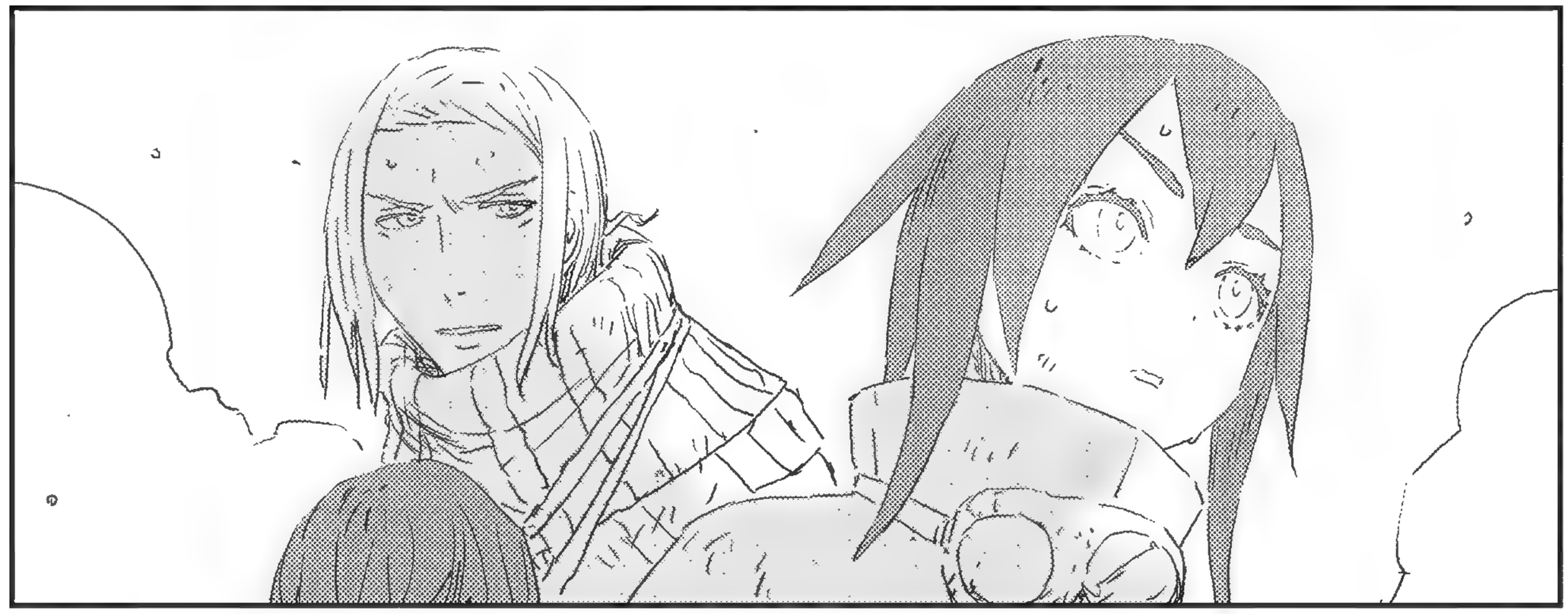
"A PROJECTILE DEVICE THAT CAN FIRE BULLETS MADE OF ANYTHING" ?

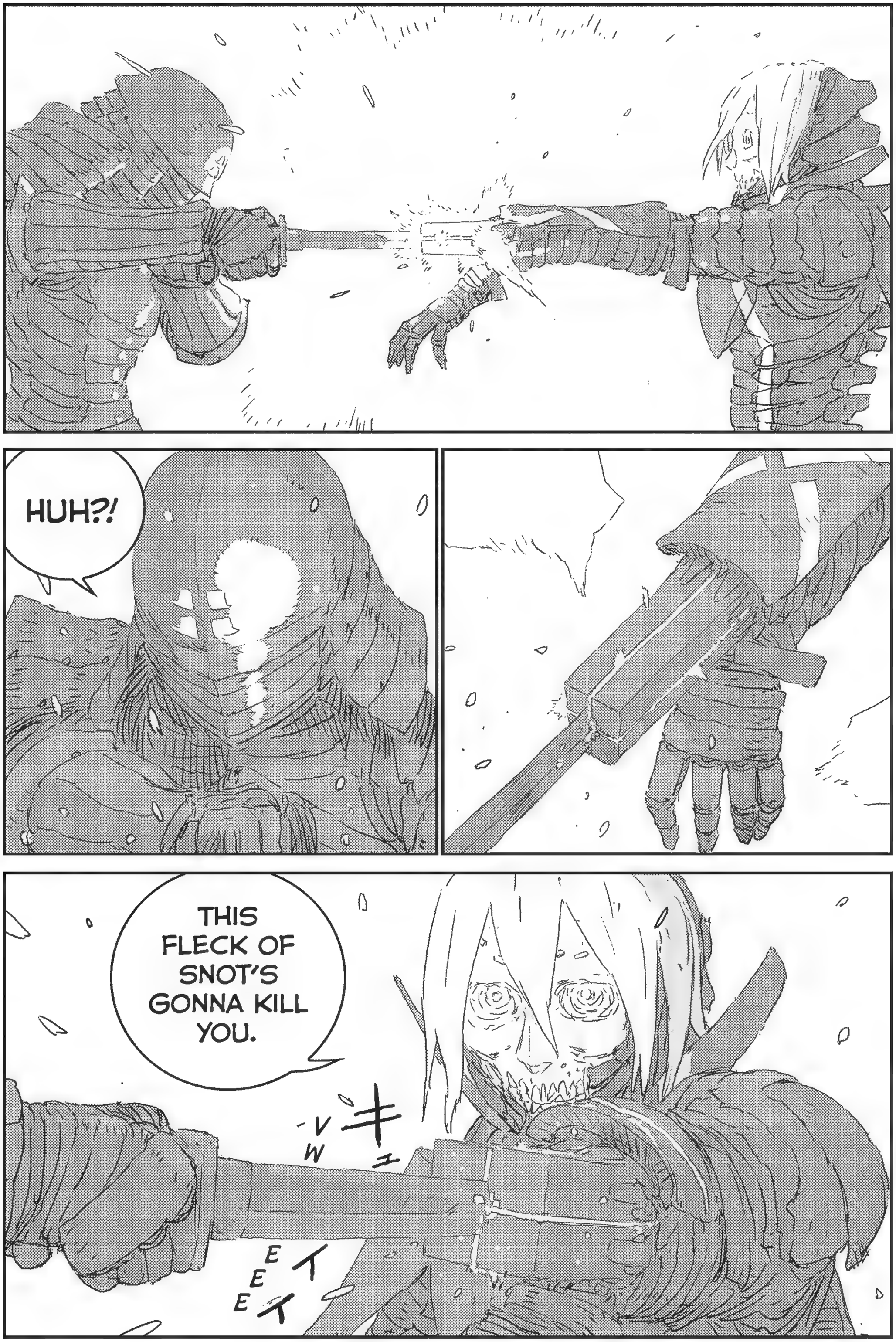
HAH!

HAH!

HAH!

SHINK




HUH?!
THIS FLECK OF SNOT'S GONNA KILL YOU.
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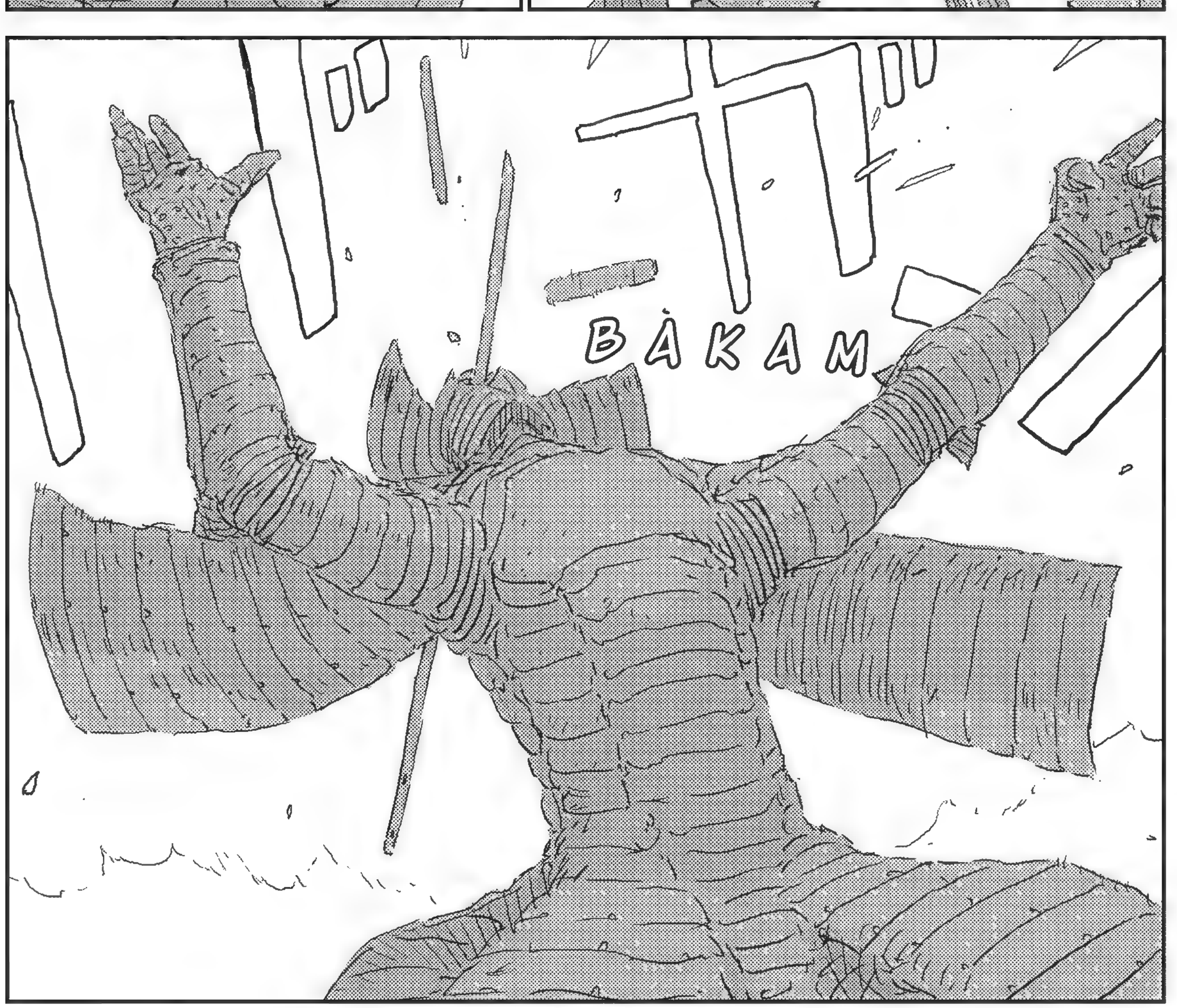
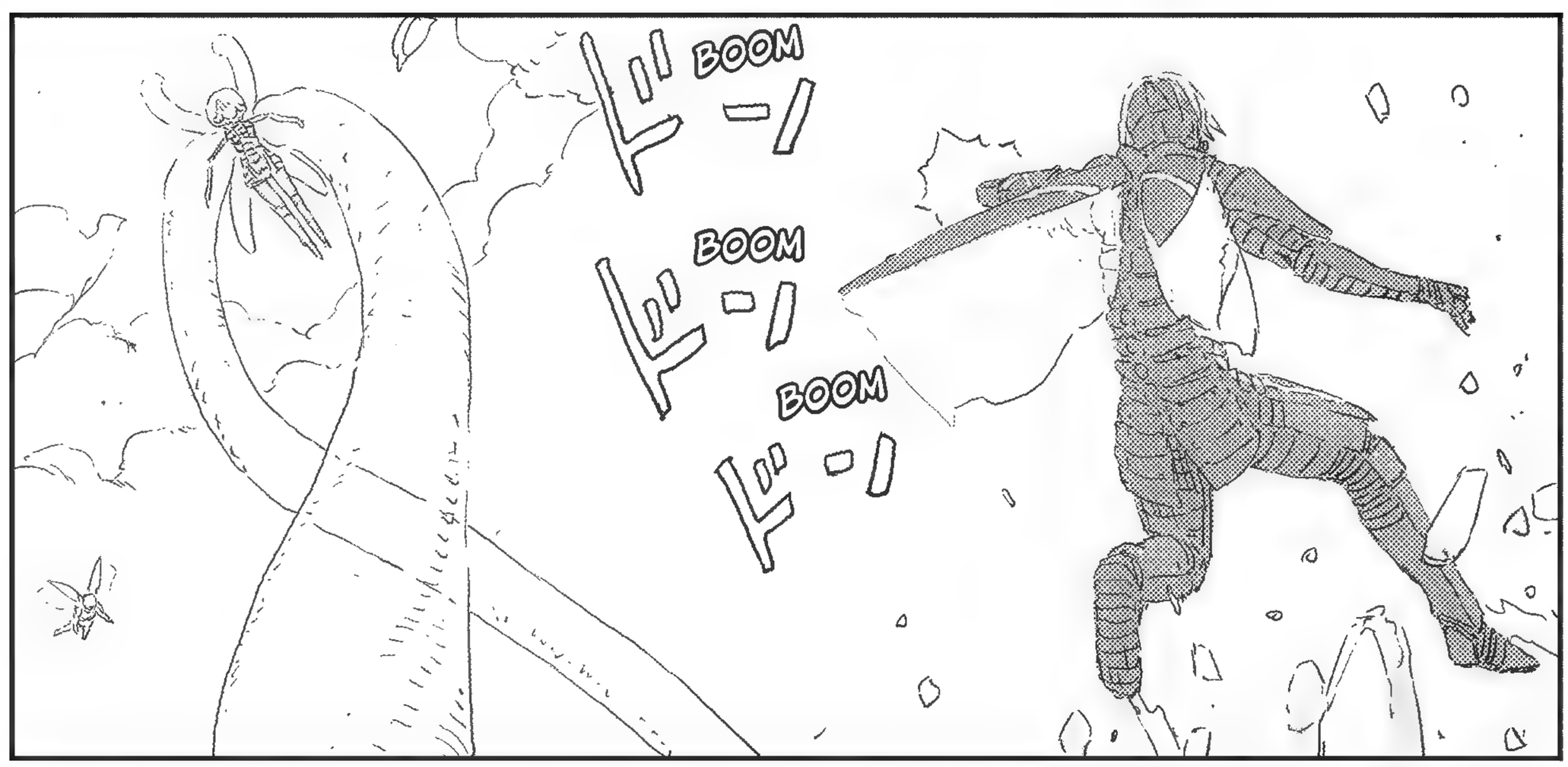
W—

NO...
CHOOM


BAKAM

SPLATCH
WHUP
BKOOM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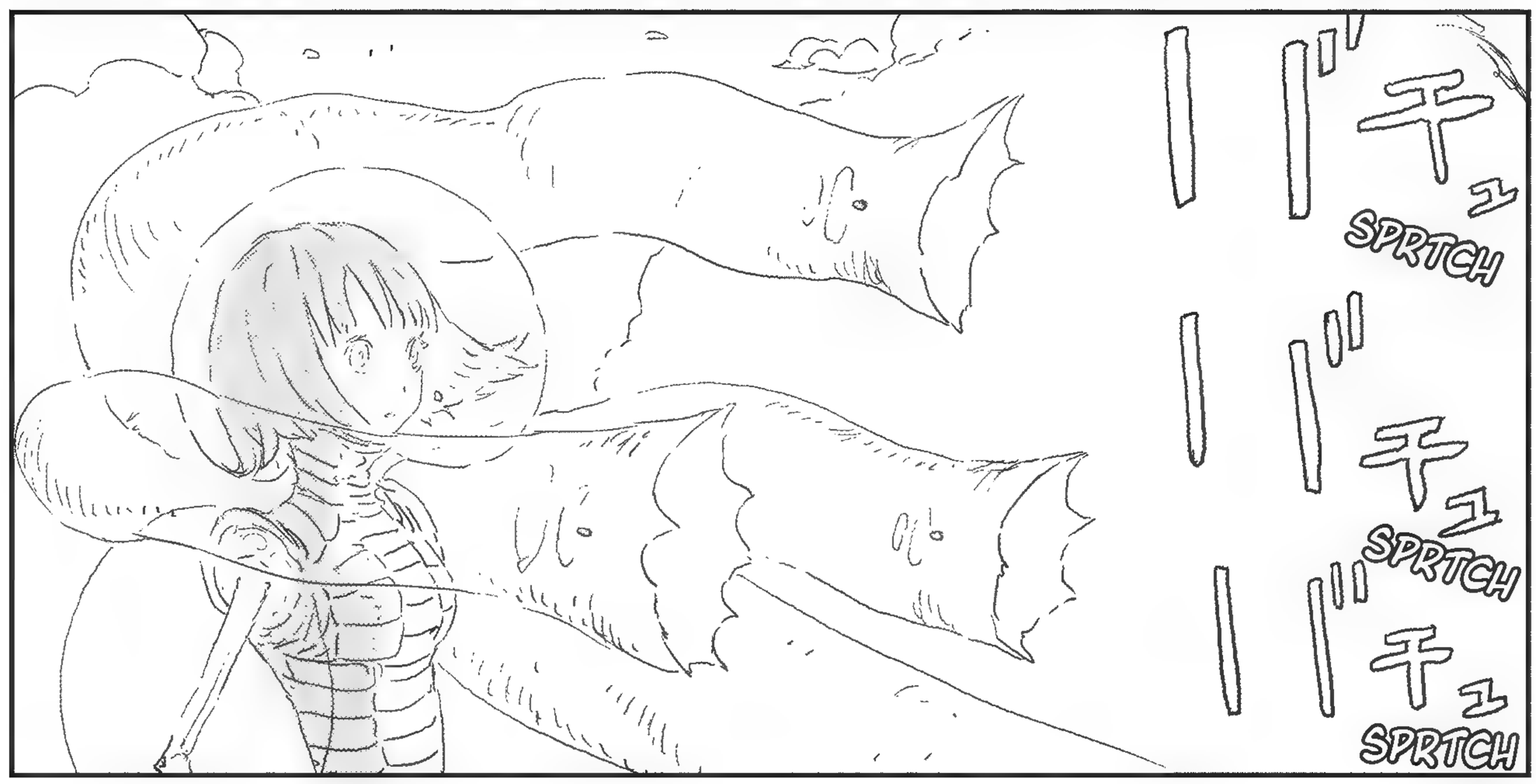
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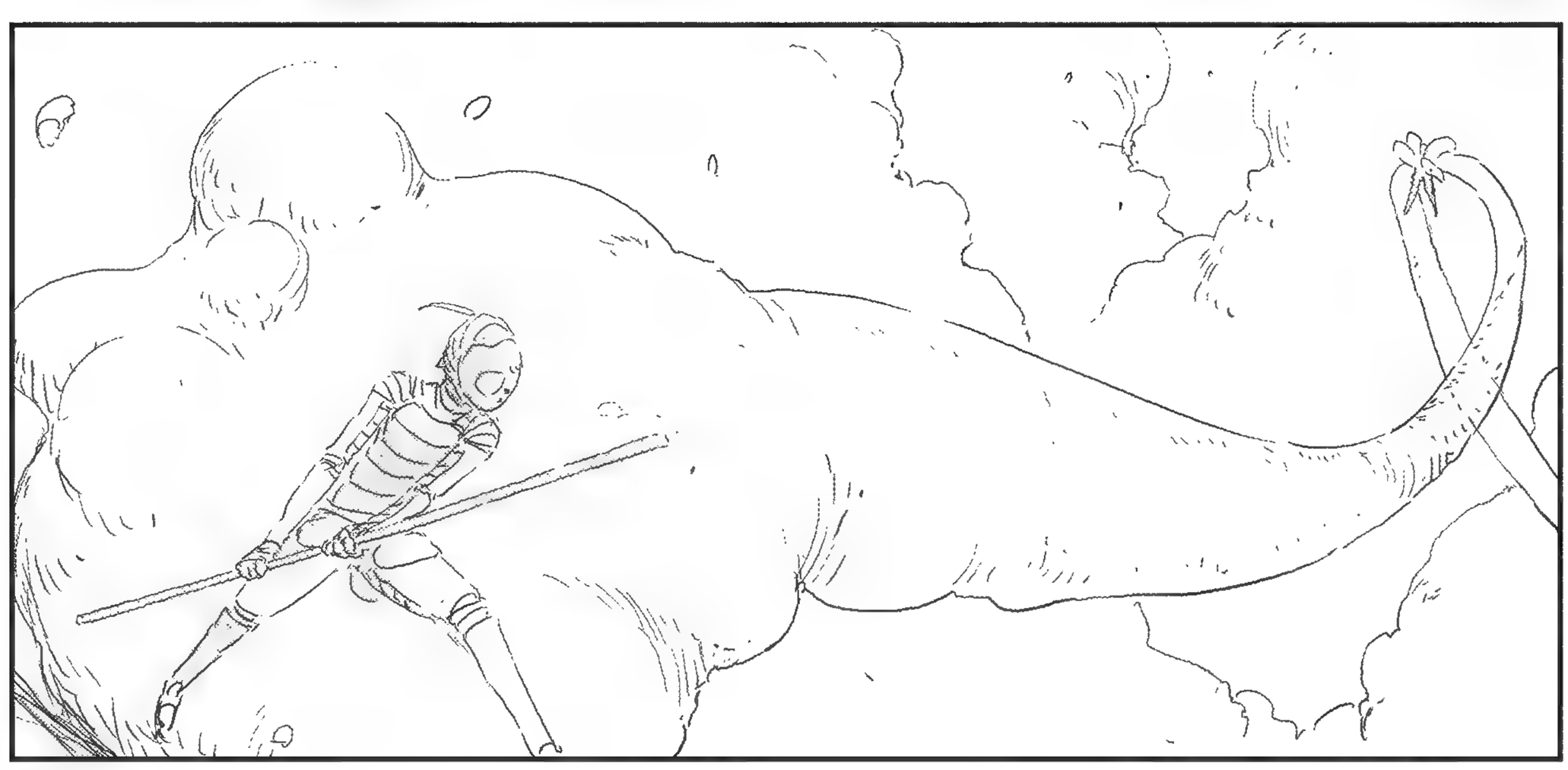

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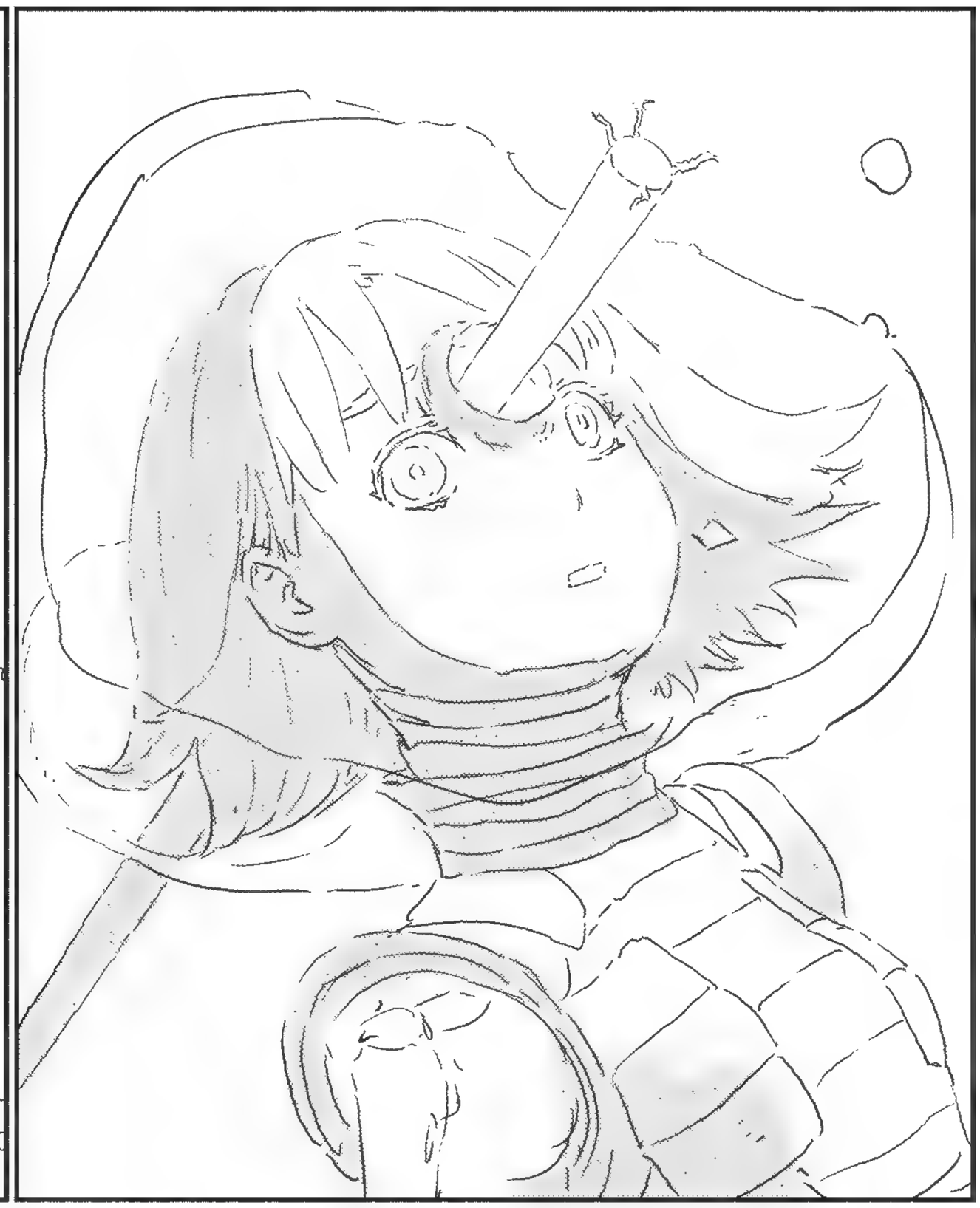

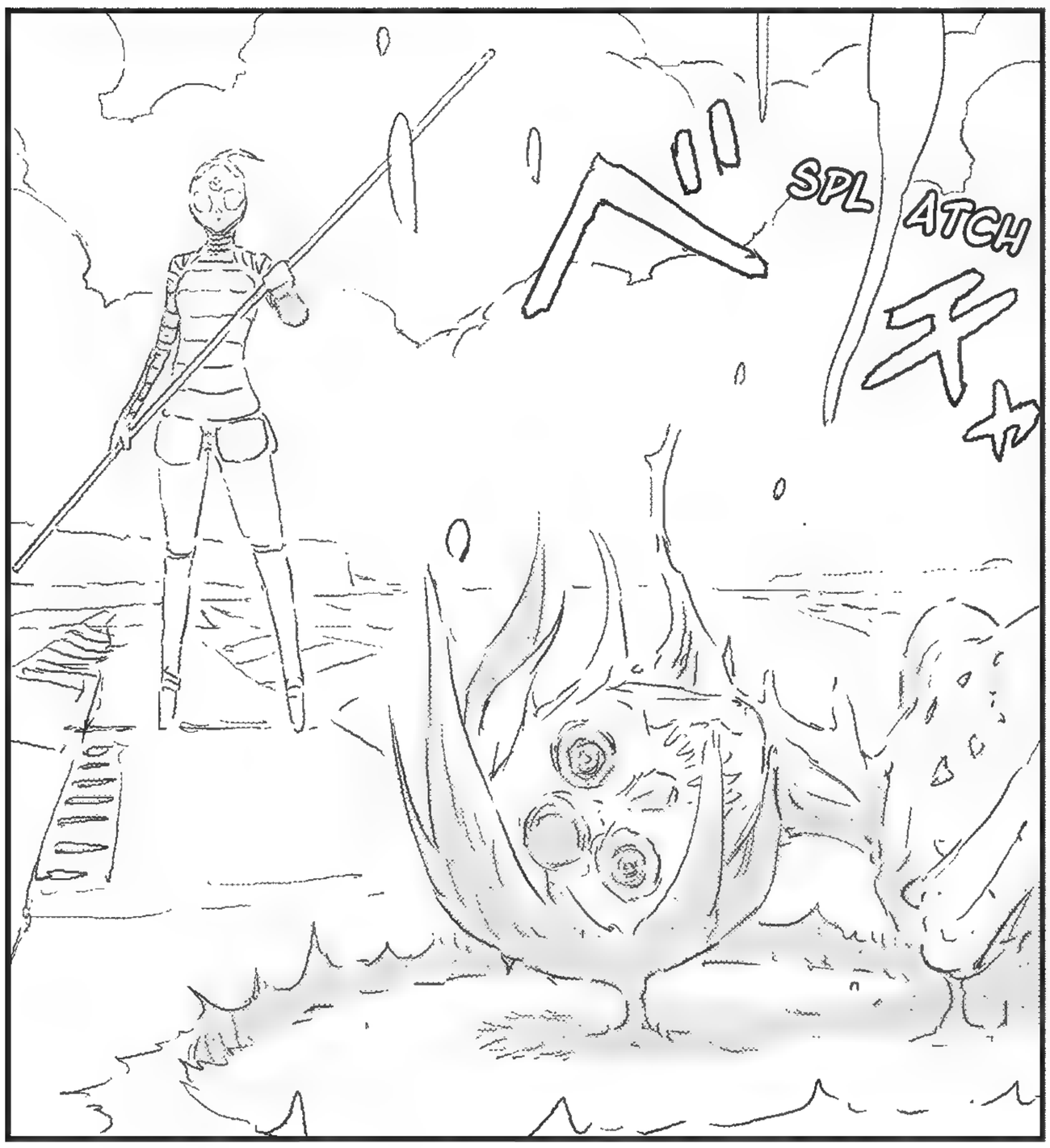
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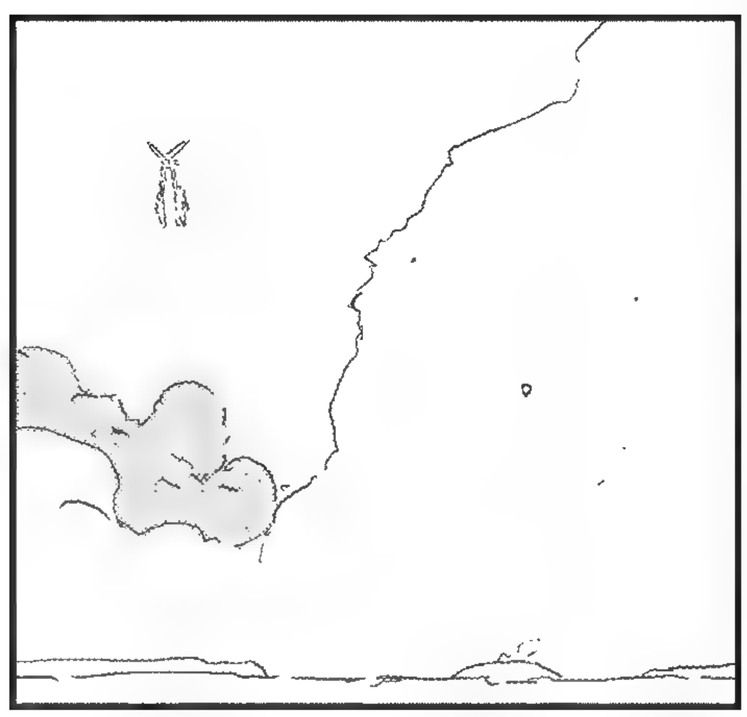
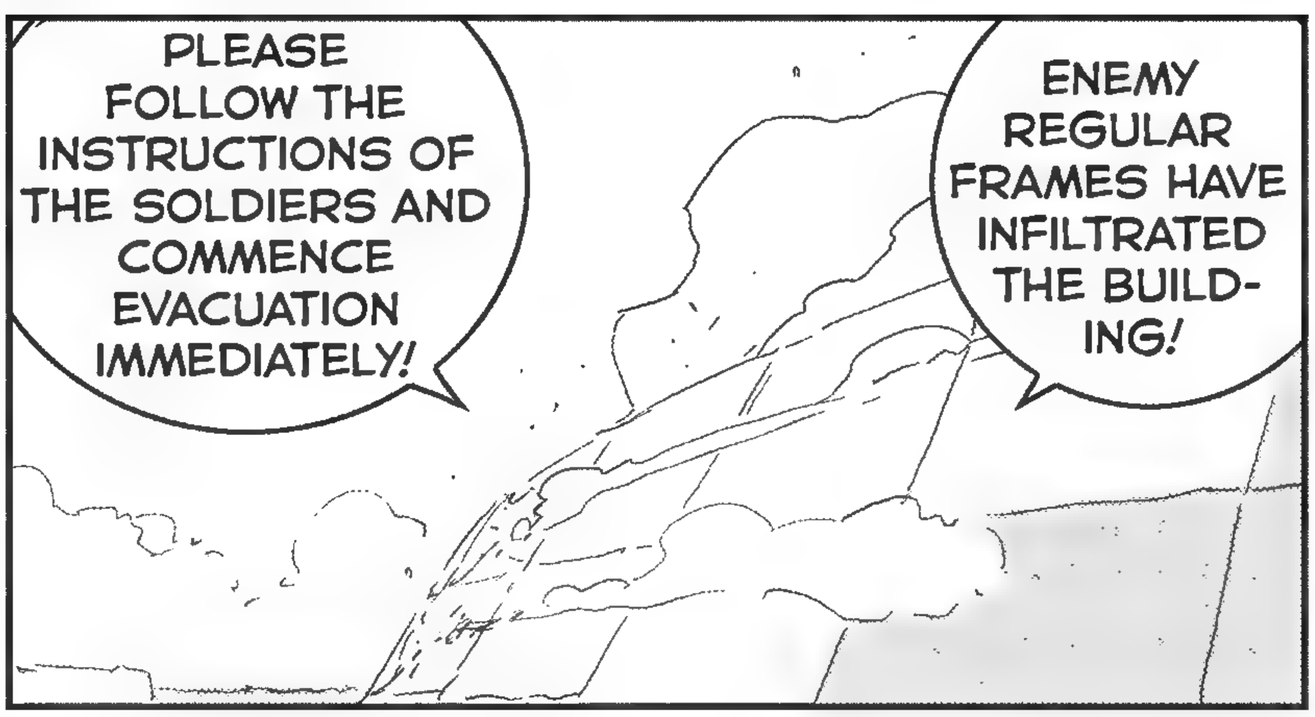
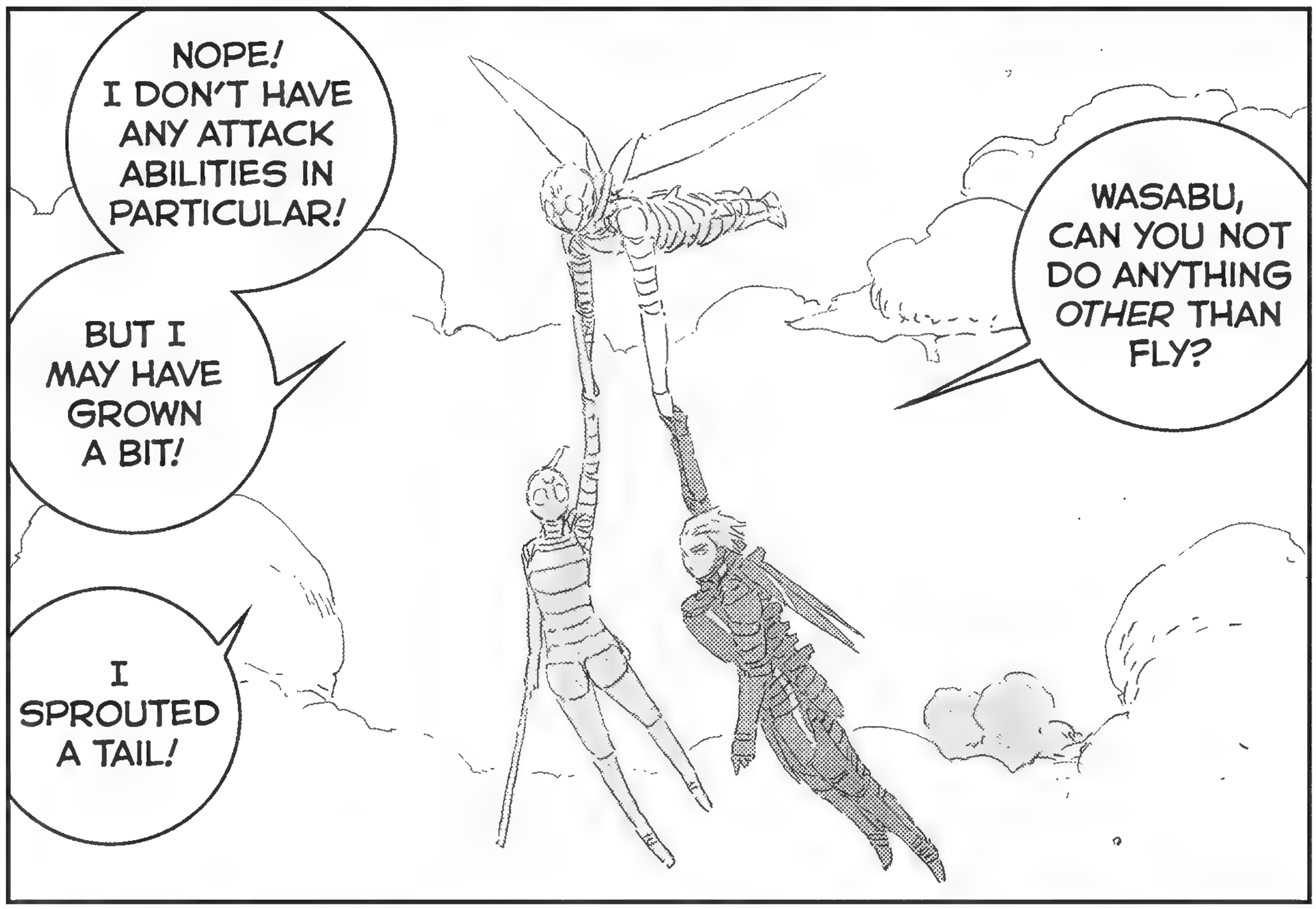
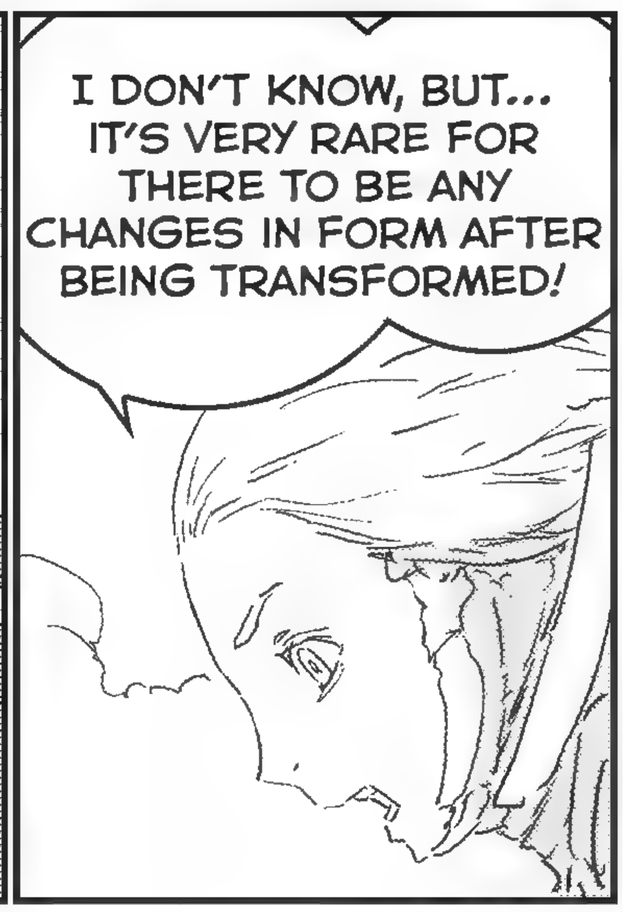
ATCH

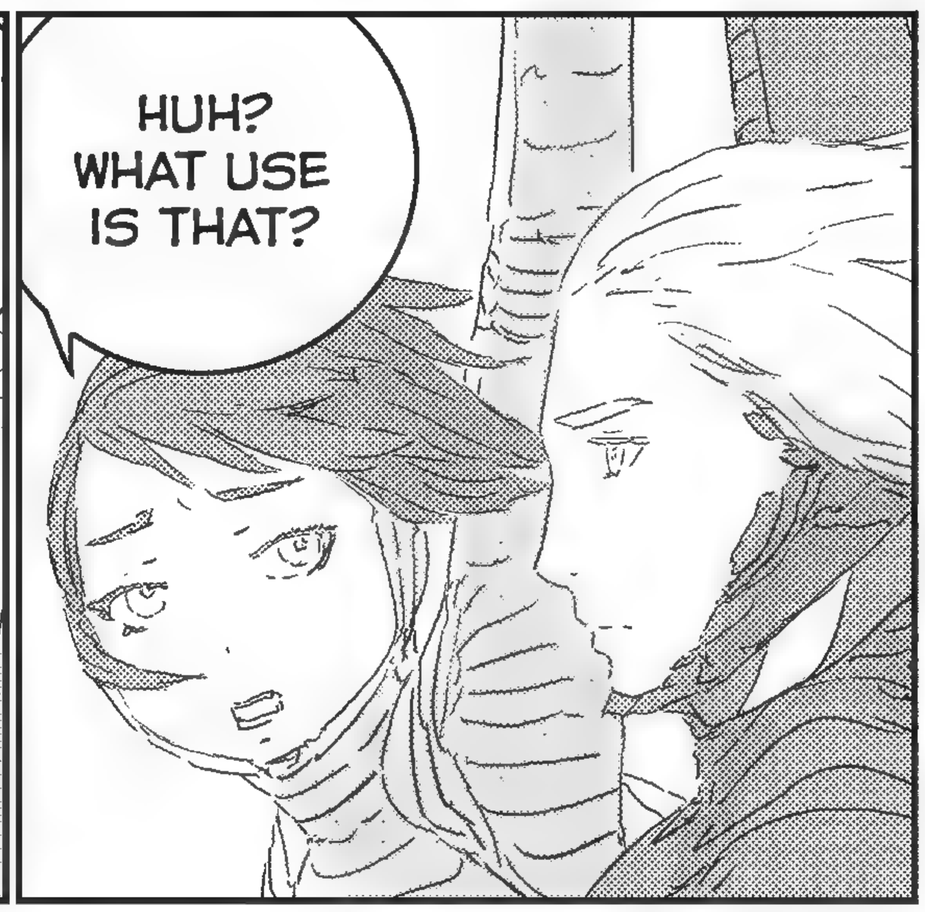



PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SOLDIERS AND COMMENCE EVACUATION IMMEDIATELY!
ENEMY REGULAR FRAMES HAVE INFILTRATED THE BUILD-ING!


NOPE! I DON'T HAVE ANY ATTACK ABILITIES IN PARTICULAR!
BUT I MAY HAVE GROWN A BIT!
I SPROUTED A TAIL!
WASABU, CAN YOU NOT DO ANYTHING *OTHER* THAN FLY?

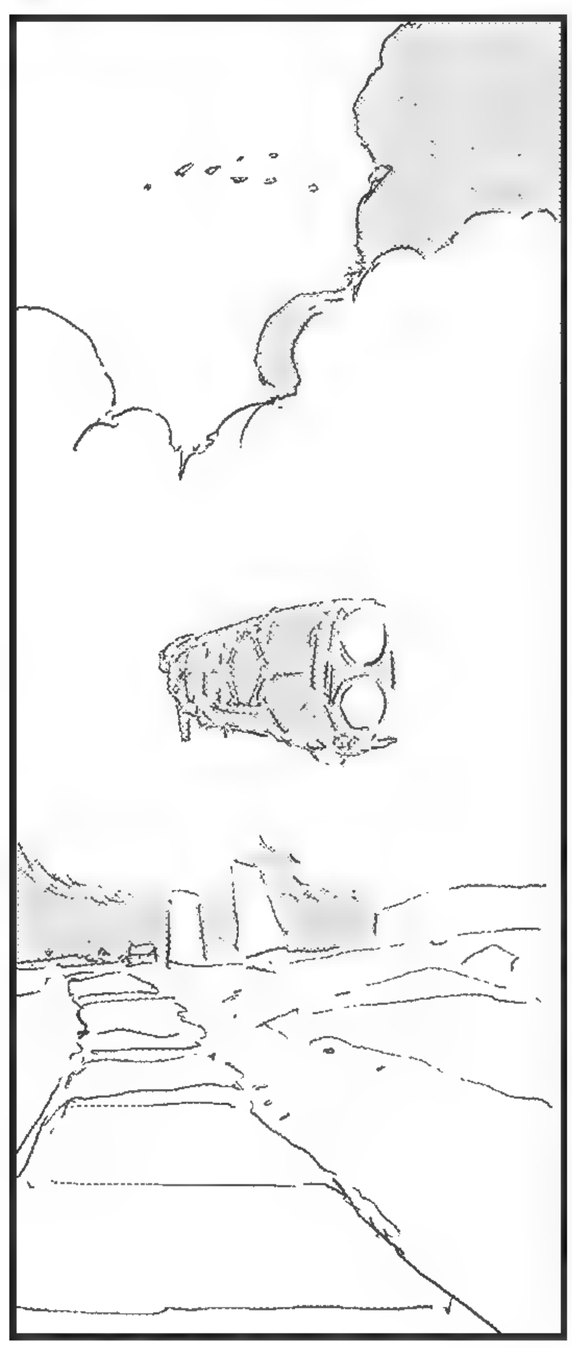
I WONDER HOW THE EXECUTION SQUAD KNEW WHERE WE WERE...

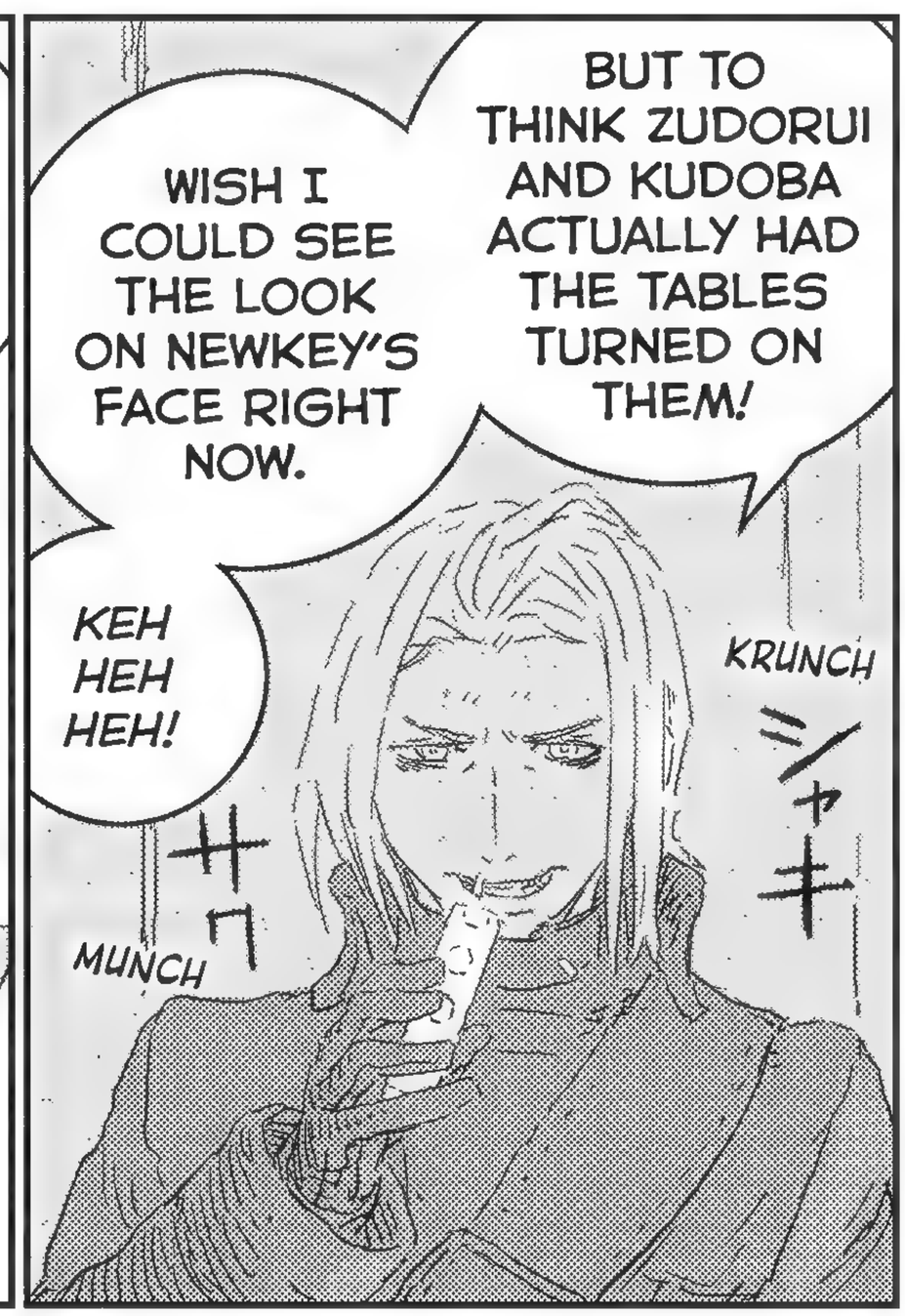

I DON'T KNOW, BUT... IT'S VERY RARE FOR THERE TO BE ANY CHANGES IN FORM AFTER BEING TRANSFORMED!


HUH? WHAT USE IS THAT?

WILL TOSU BE ALL RIGHT?

HIS SKELETAL STRUCTURE JUST TOOK A BIT OF DAMAGE. HE'LL HEAL SOON ENOUGH.





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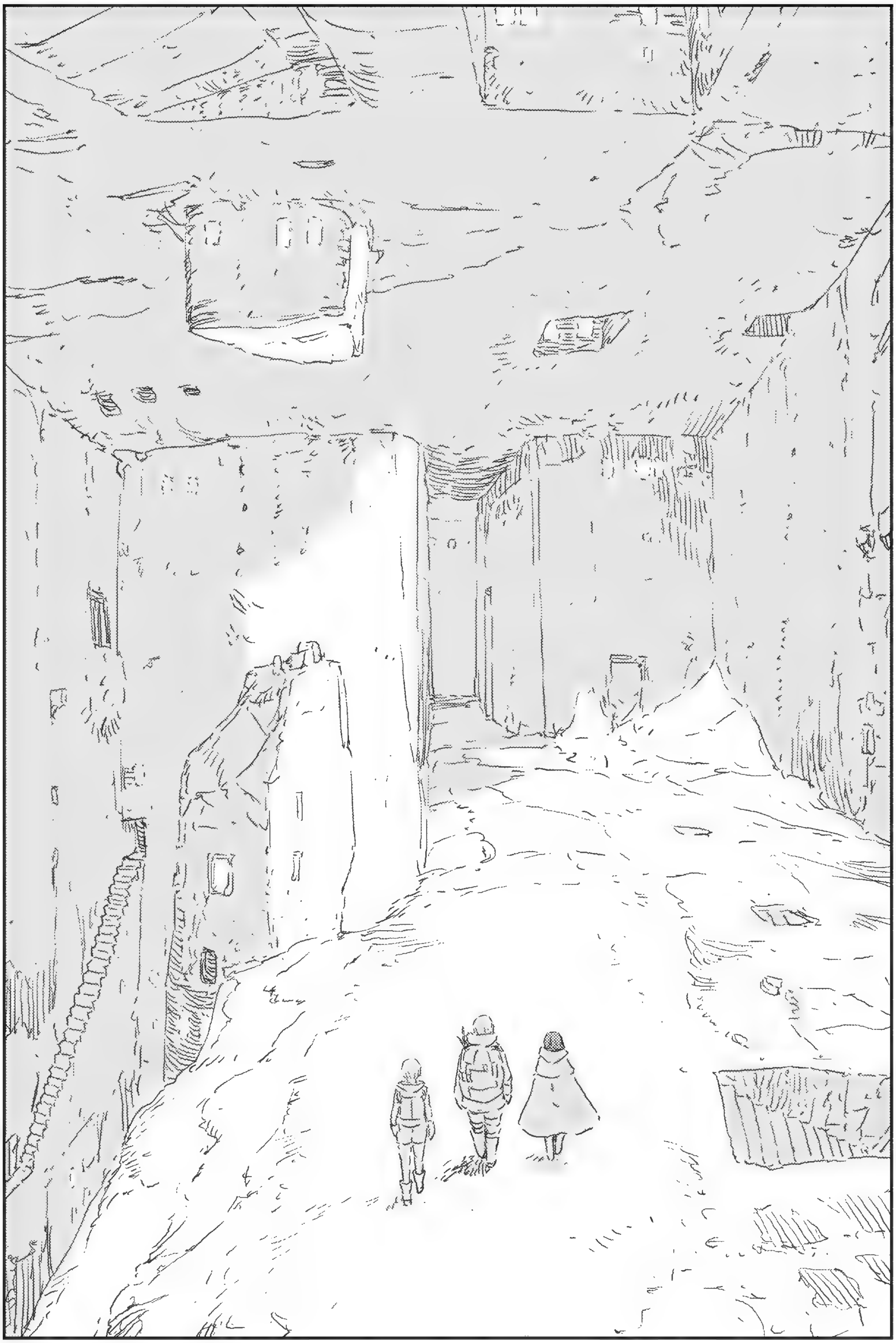


YOU USELESS, INCOMPETENT WORMS!!

WHAK

CLOD

EMPIRE OF REBEDOA, REINCARNATED EXECUTION SQUAD HEADQUARTERS

ZUDORUI AND KUDOBA GOT BEATEN AT THEIR OWN GAME.

BEST KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FOR NOW.

WHAT'S UP WITH BRIGADIER GENERAL NEWKEY?!

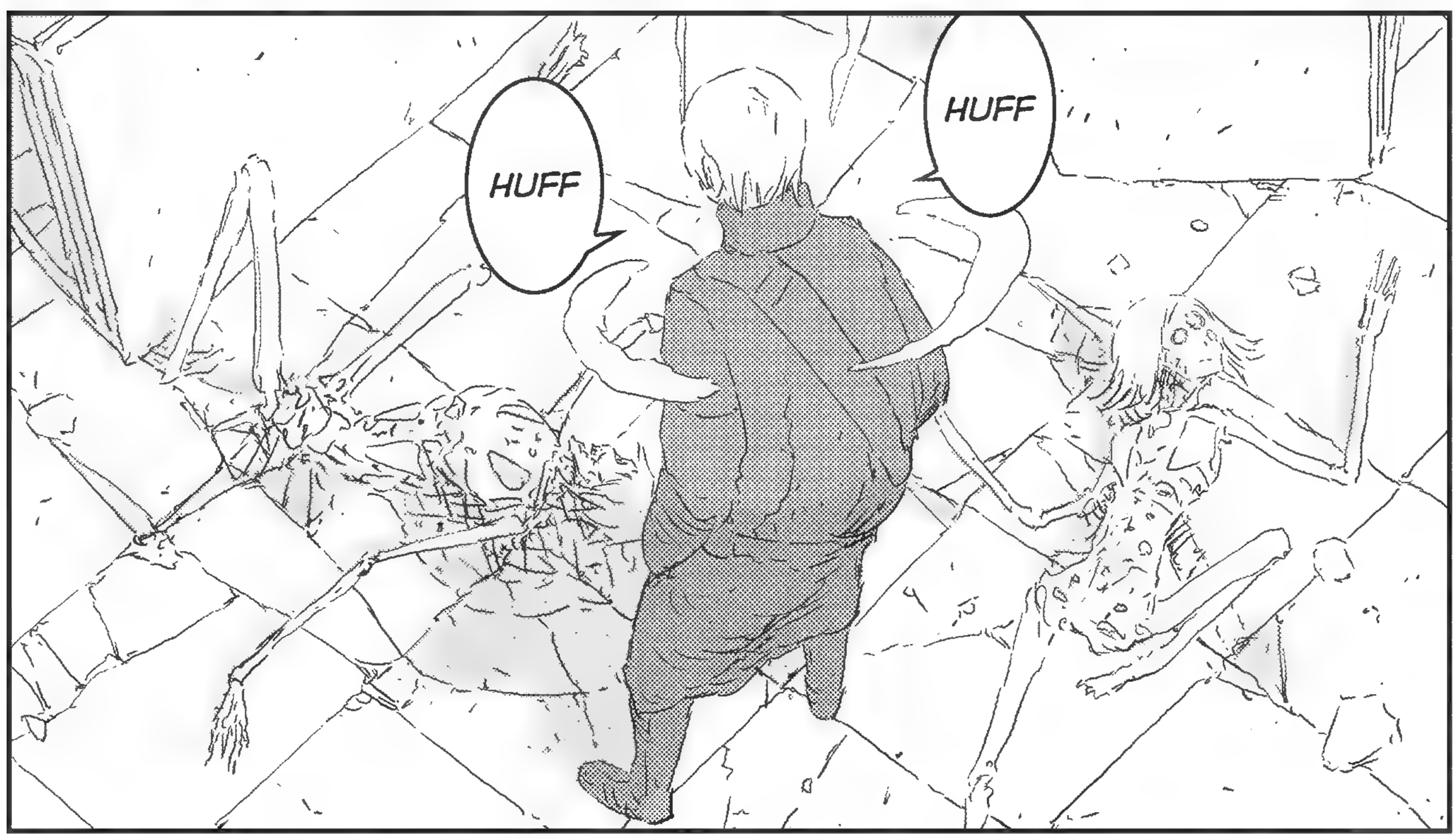
YOU HAVE BROUGHT SHAME TO THE EXECUTION SQUAD!

CHOOM

DOOM

THAT'S THE MOST SHITTY WAY OF ALL FOR A REINCARNATED TO BE KILLED...!

AND, OF ALL THINGS, THERE'S A FILTHY HOLE IN YOUR FOREHEAD!
YOU SHOULD NEVER HAVE COME BACK!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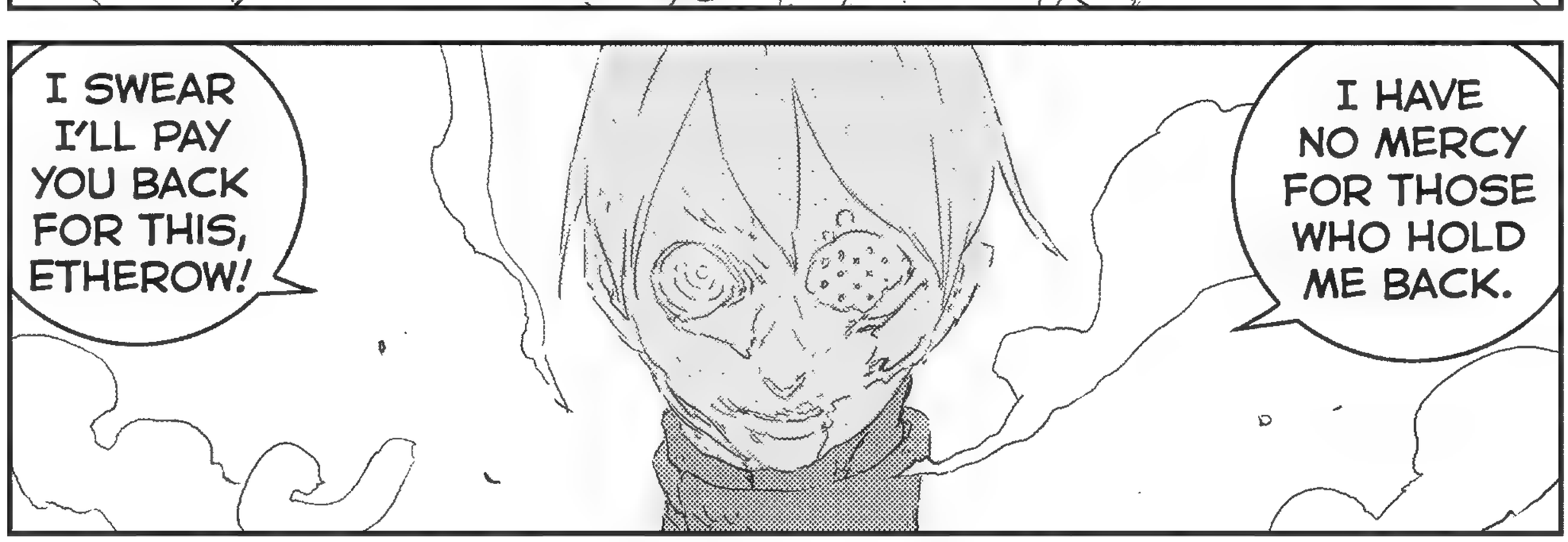
I SWEAR I'LL PAY YOU BACK FOR THIS, ETHEROW!
I HAVE NO MERCY FOR THOSE WHO HOLD ME BACK.

SO WE'RE TRAVELING UNDER-GROUND AGAIN, HUH ...

WE HAVE TO AFTER THAT RUCKUS WE CAUSED.

GCHUNK

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BAM

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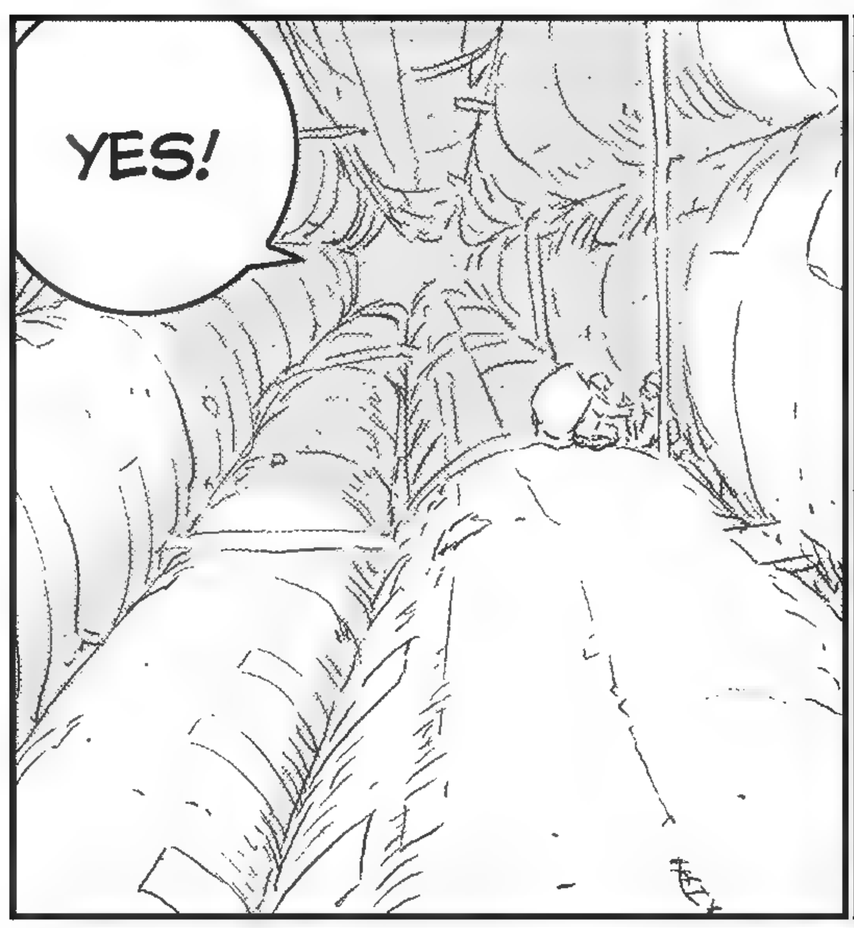
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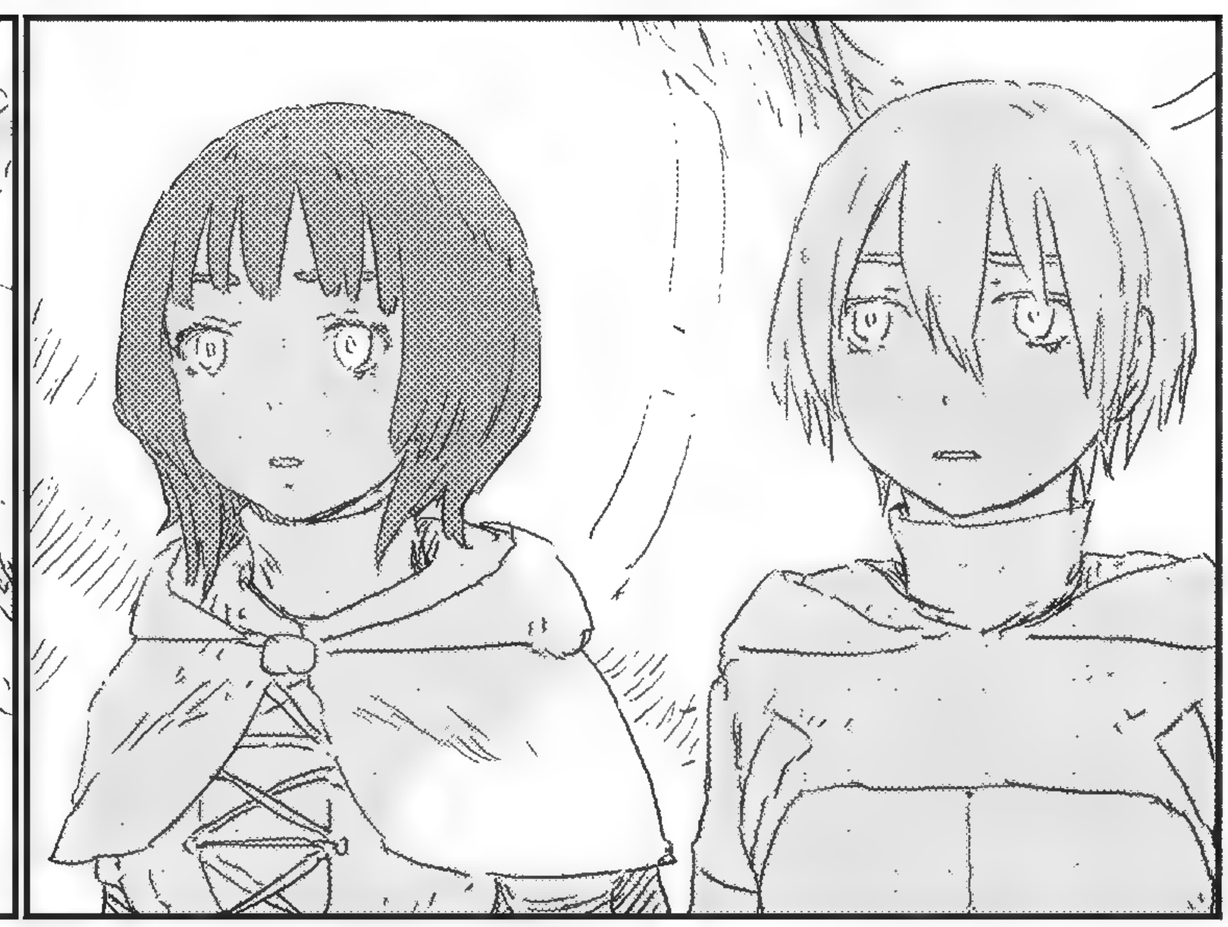
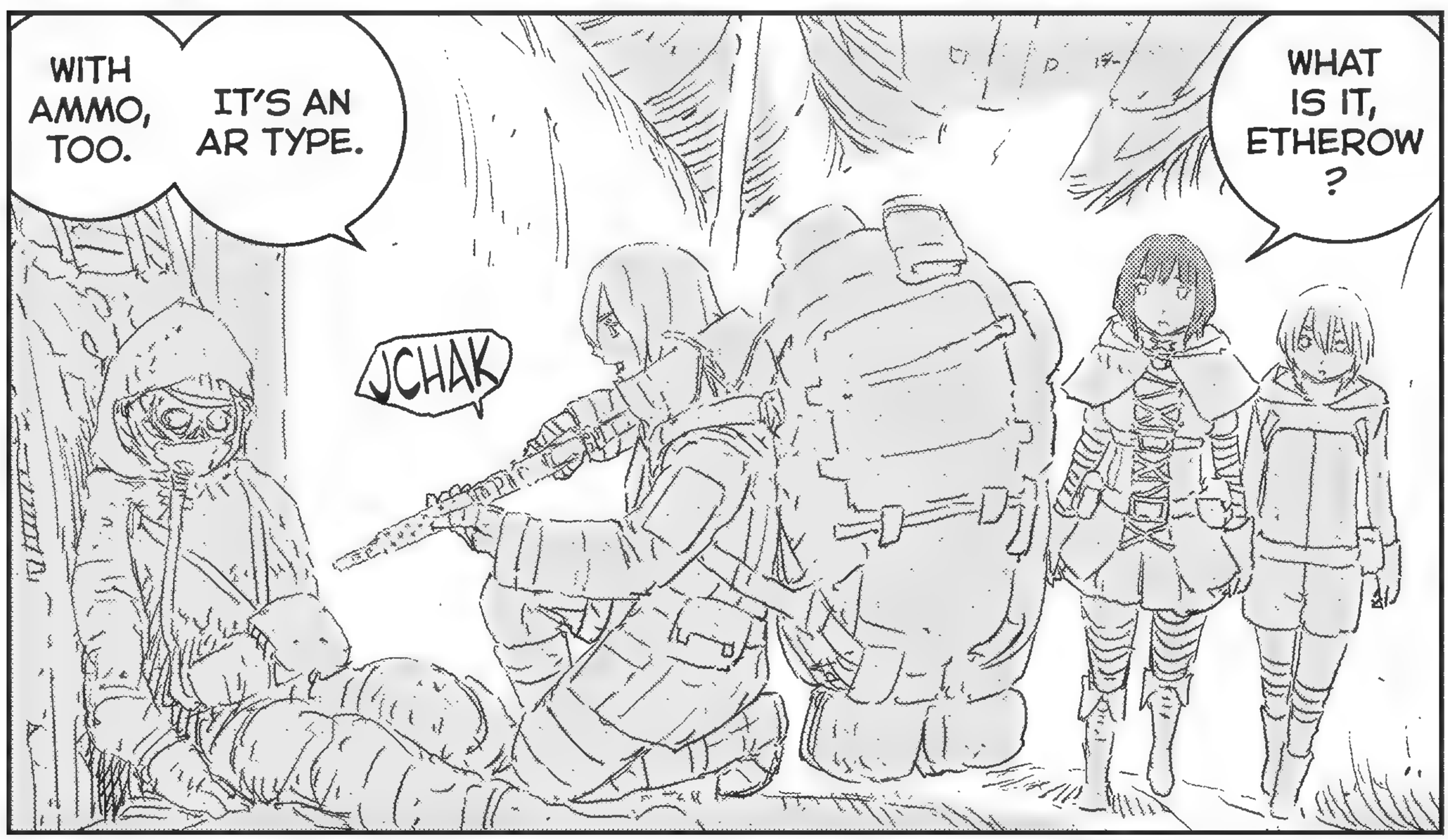
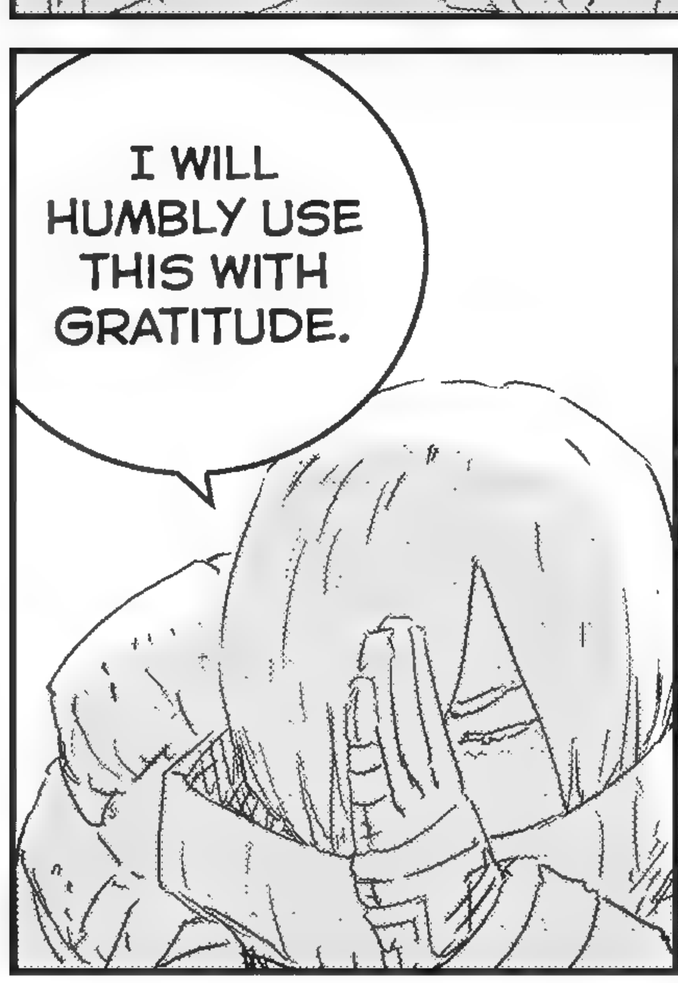
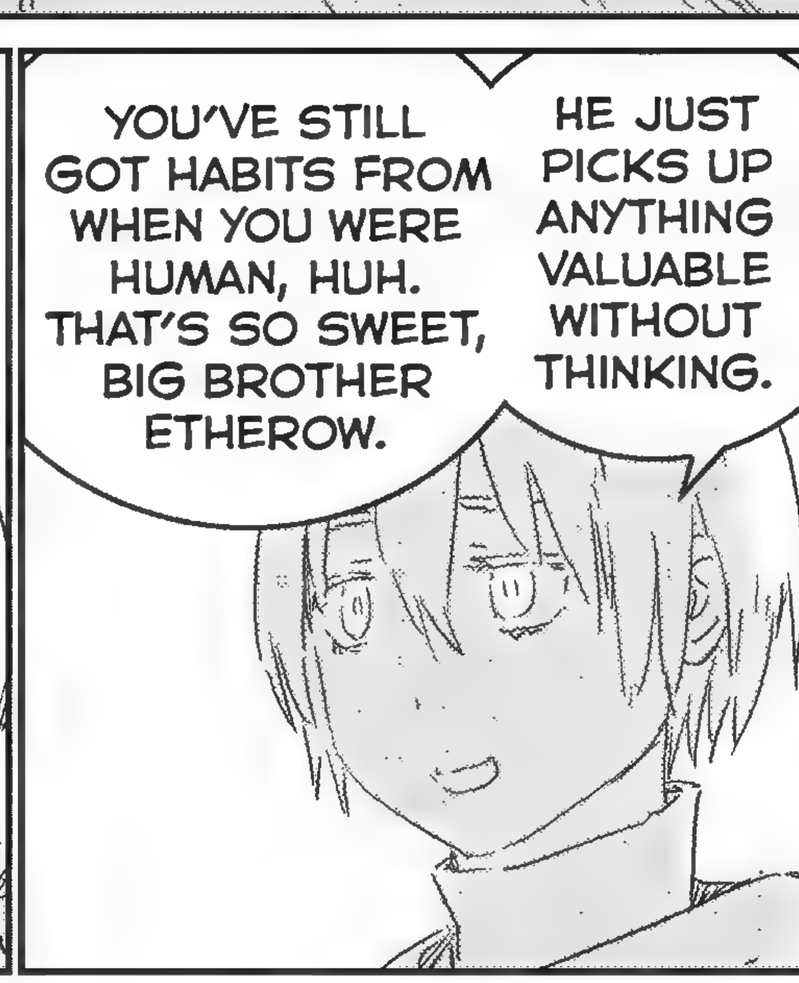
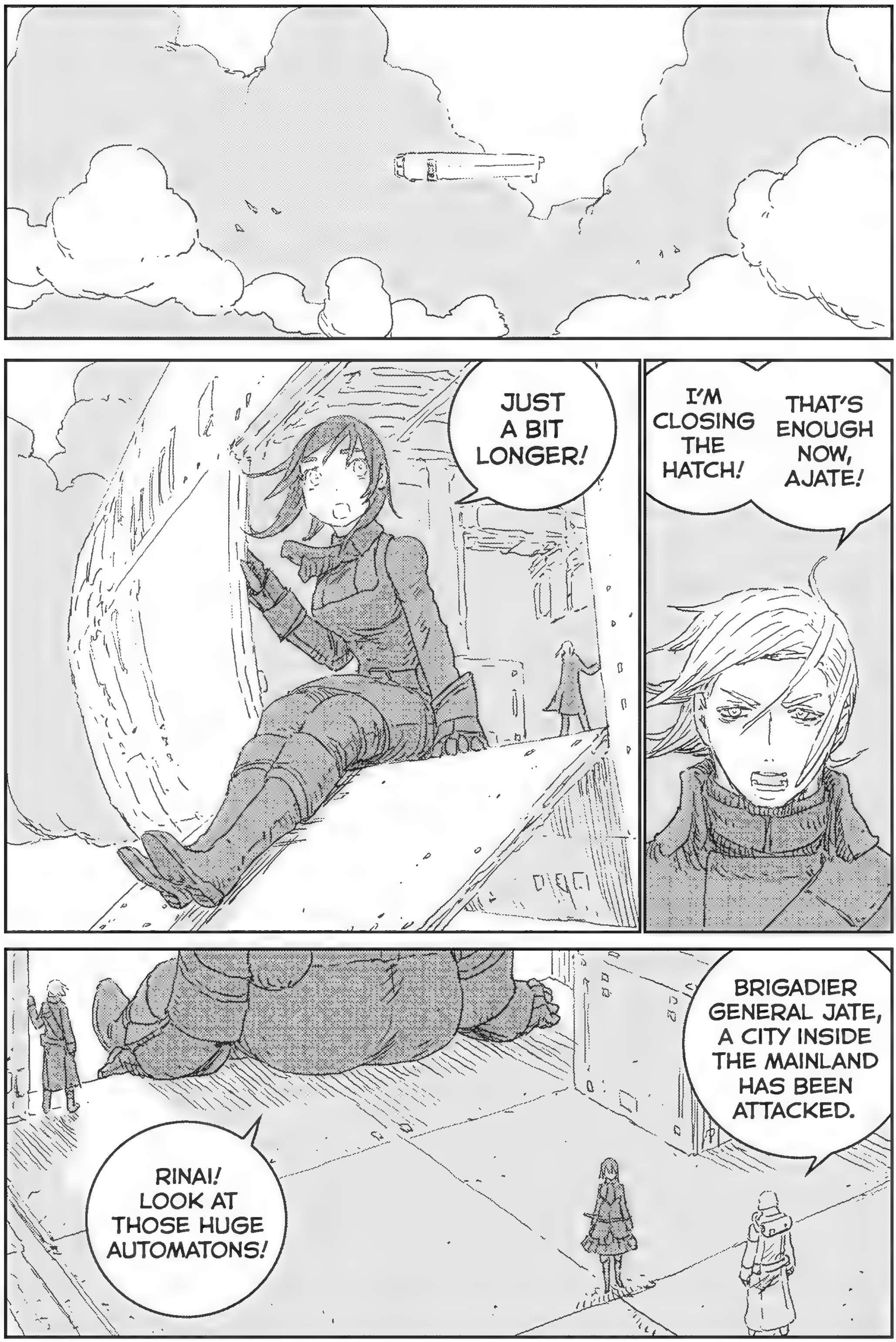


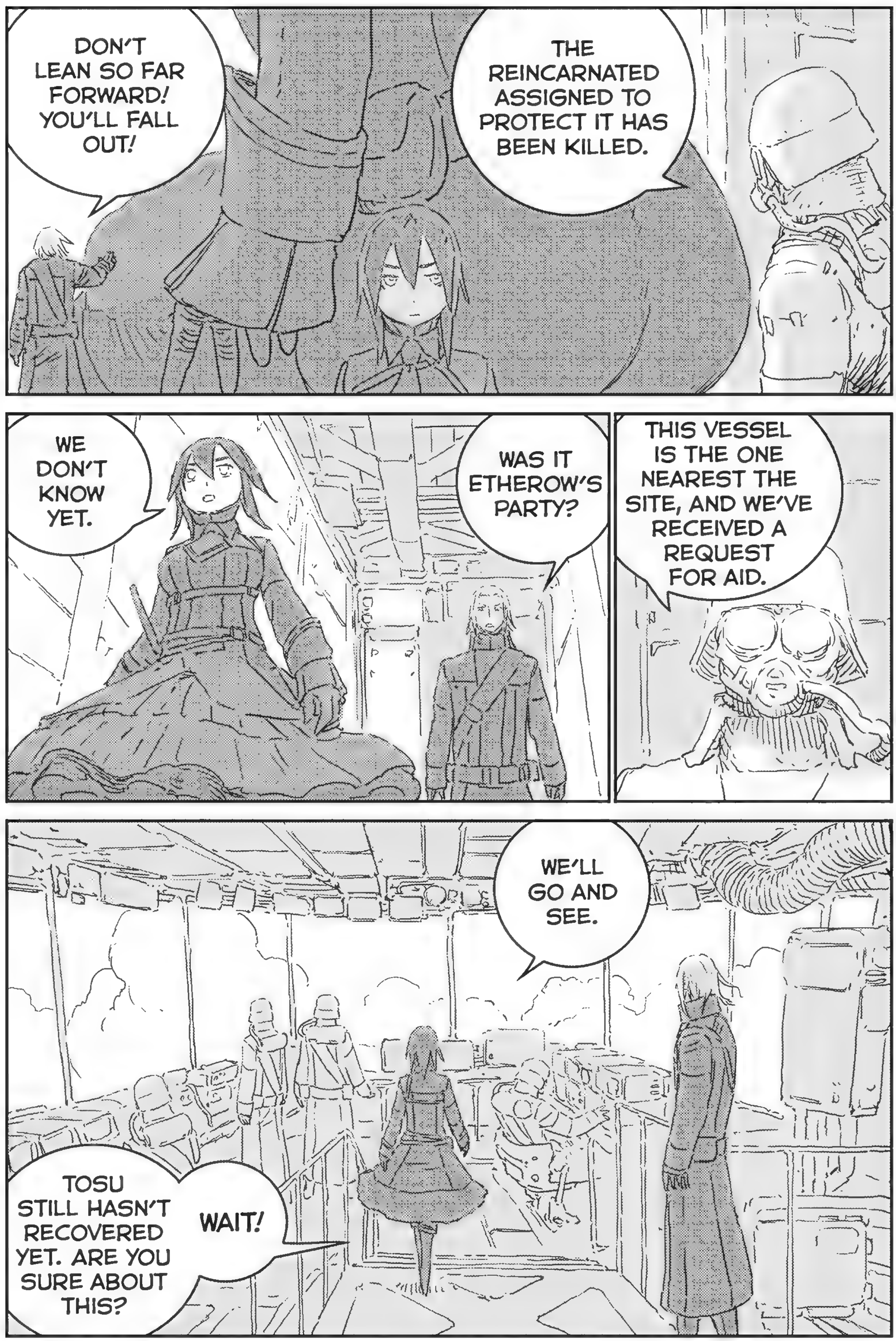

WITH AMMO, TOO.
IT'S AN AR TYPE.
WHAT IS IT, ETHEROW ?
JCHAK

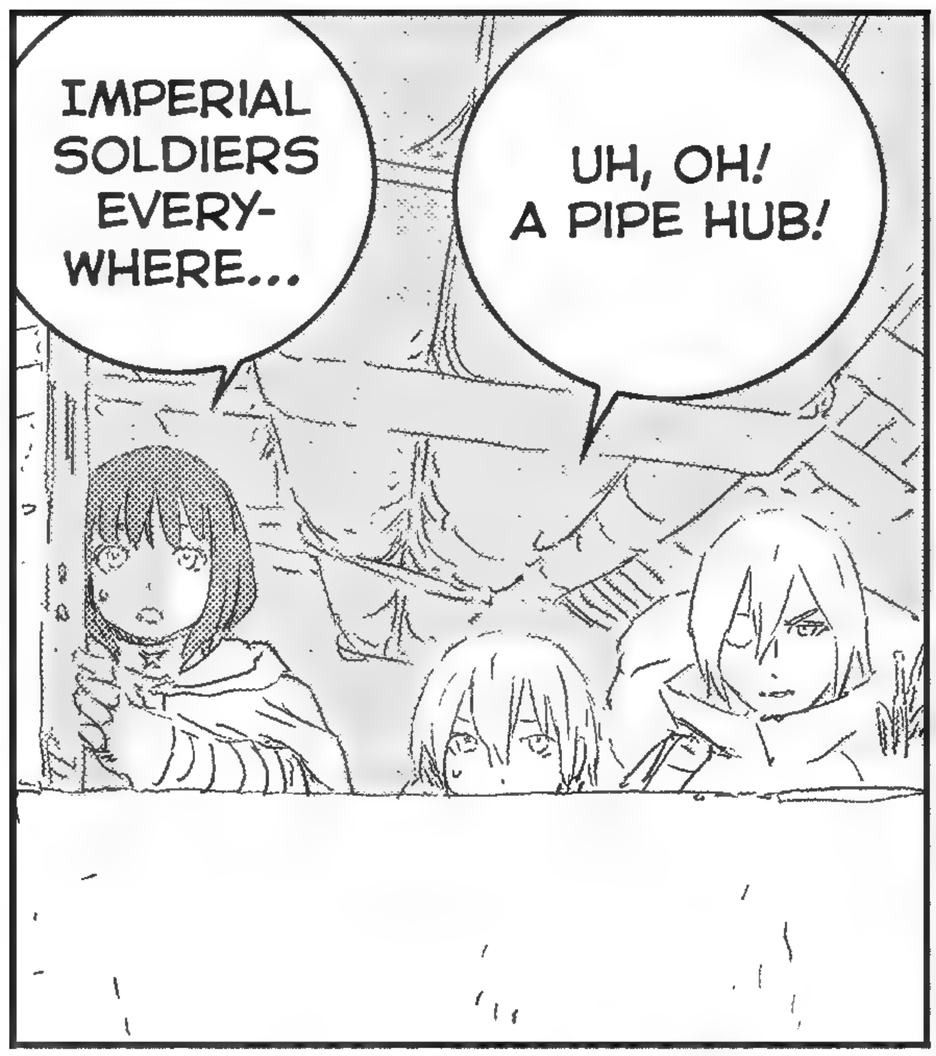

I WILL HUMBLY USE THIS WITH GRATITUDE.

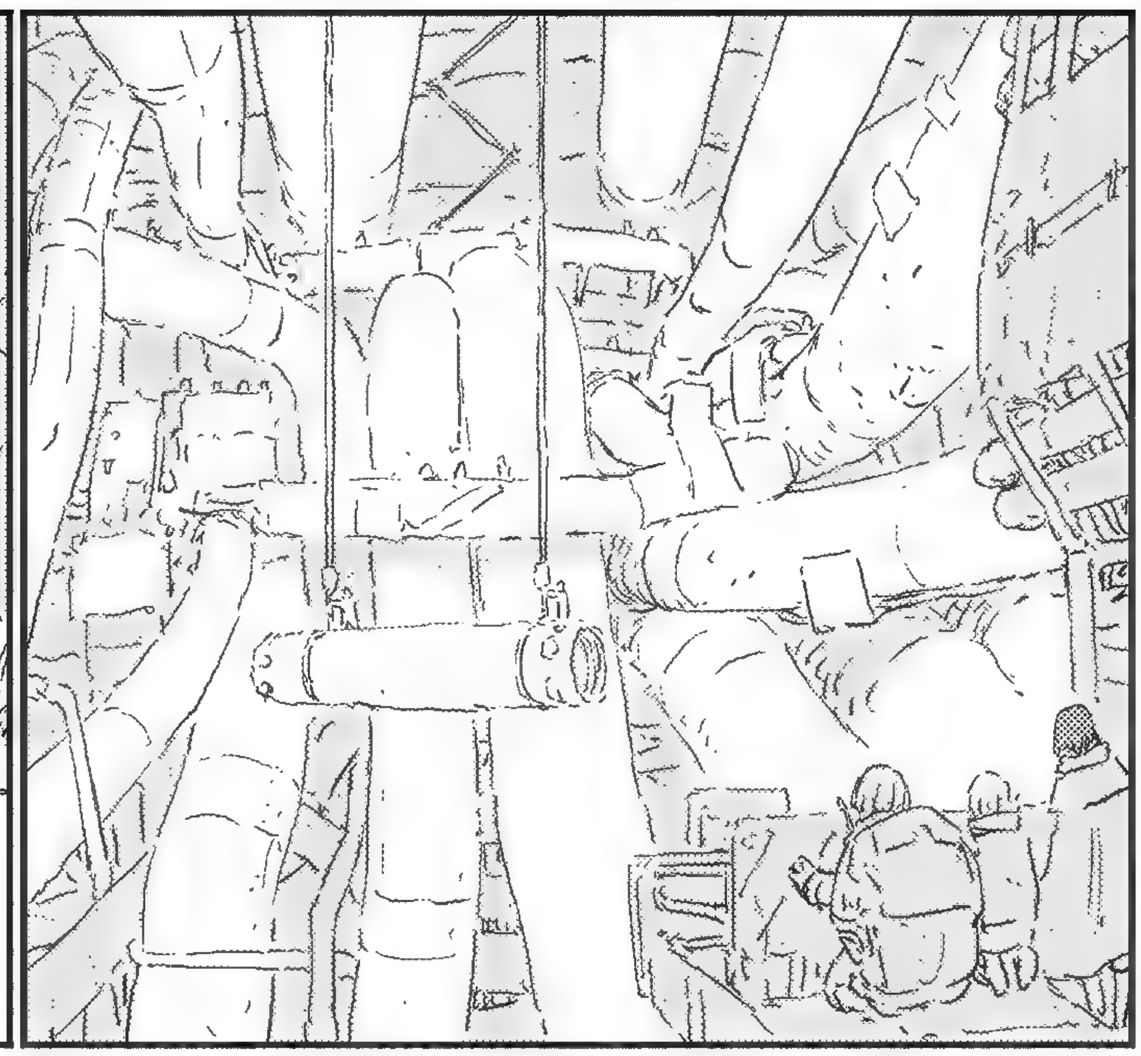

YOU'VE STILL GOT HABITS FROM WHEN YOU WERE HUMAN, HUH. THAT'S SO SWEET, BIG BROTHER ETHEROW.
HE JUST PICKS UP ANYTHING VALUABLE WITHOUT THINKING.

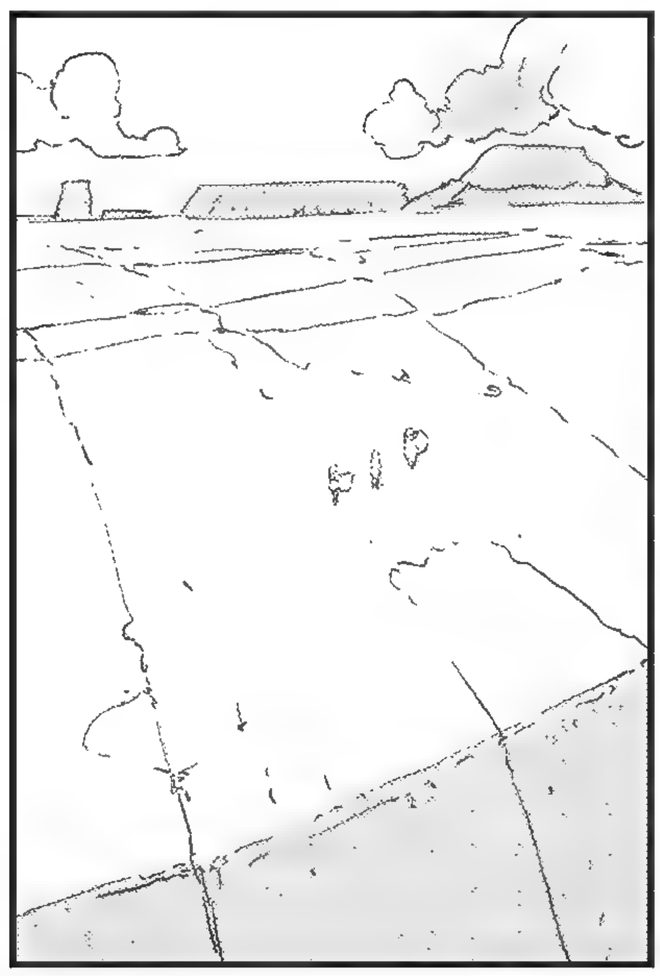
YOU'RE TAKING IT OFF A BODY ON THE GROUND ...?


JUST A BIT LONGER!
I'M CLOSING THE HATCH!
THAT'S ENOUGH NOW, AJATE!
BRIGADIER GENERAL JATE, A CITY INSIDE THE MAINLAND HAS BEEN ATTACKED.
RINAI! LOOK AT THOSE HUGE AUTOMATONS!


DON'T LEAN SO FAR FORWARD! YOU'LL FALL OUT!
THE REINCARNATED ASSIGNED TO PROTECT IT HAS BEEN KILLED.
WE DON'T KNOW YET.
WAS IT ETHEROW'S PARTY?
THIS VESSEL IS THE ONE NEAREST THE SITE, AND WE'VE RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR AID.
WE'LL GO AND SEE.
TOSU STILL HASN'T RECOVERED YET. ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
WAIT!

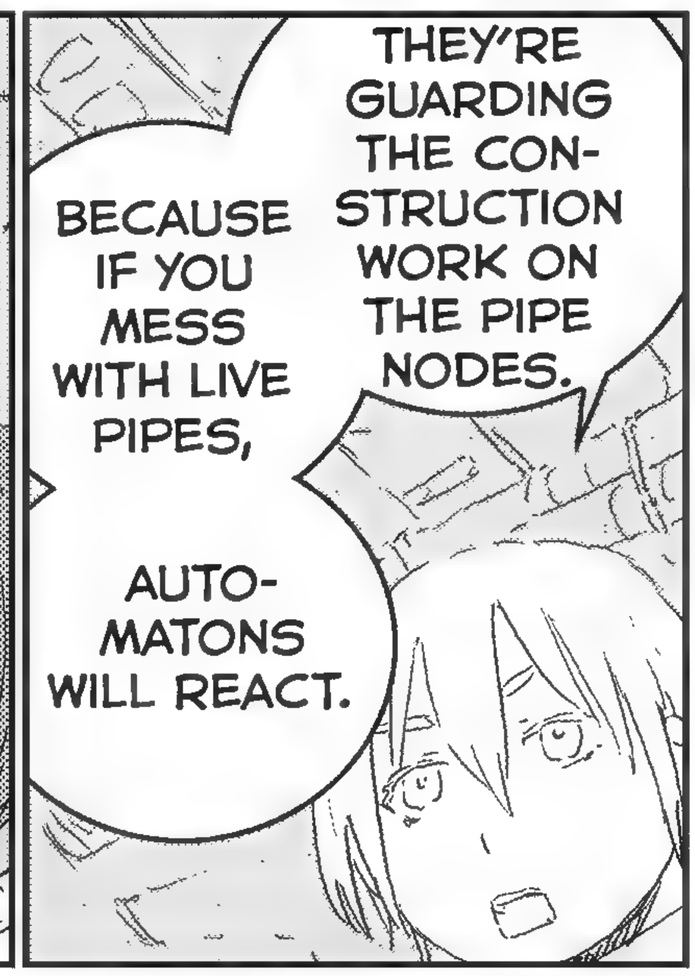

IMPERIAL SOLDIERS EVERY-WHERE...
UH, OH! A PIPE HUB!

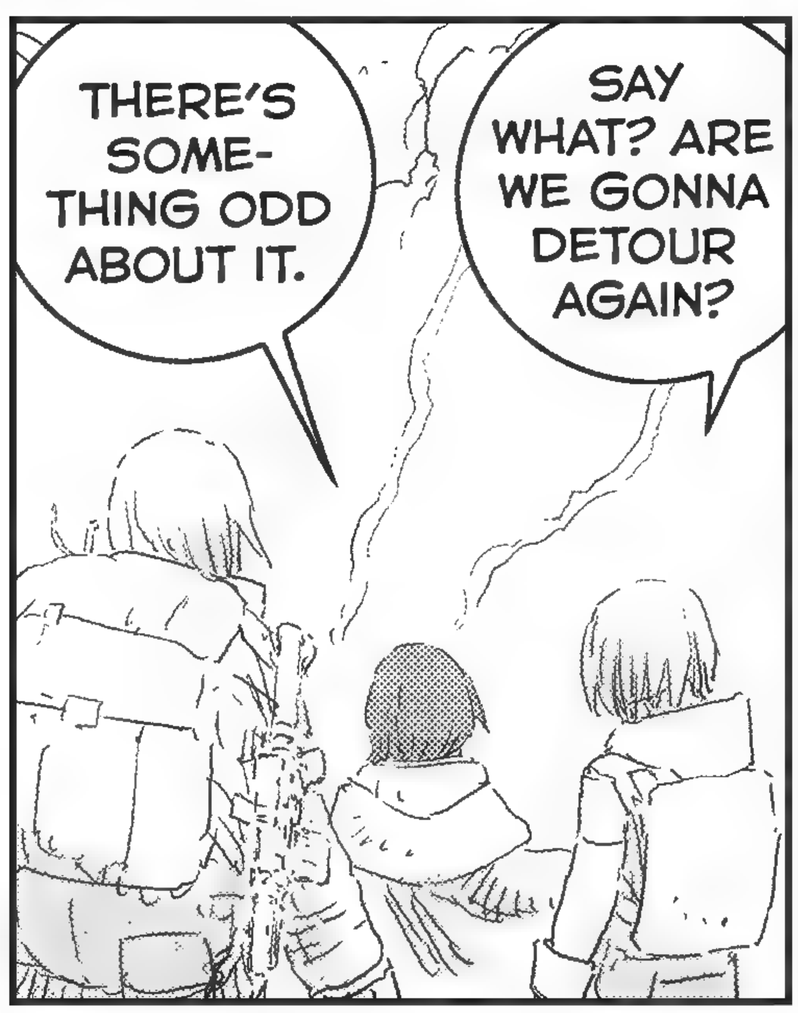


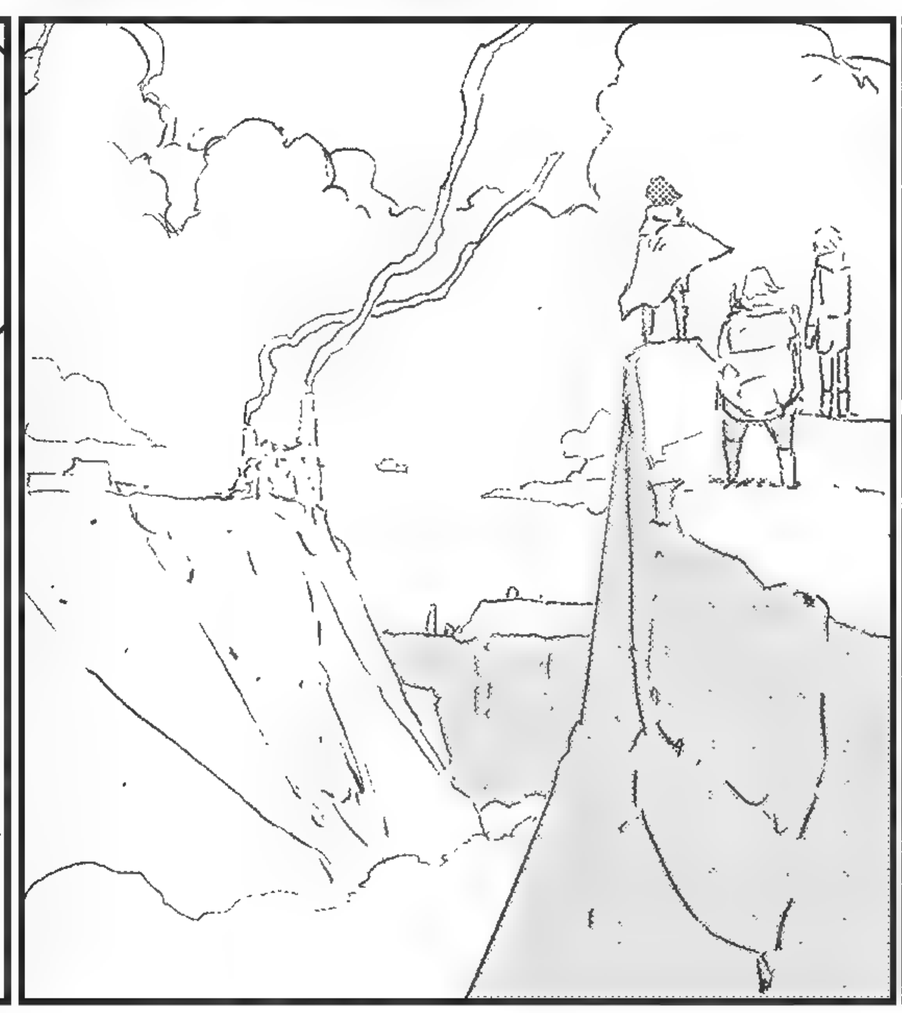


IT CAN'T BE HELPED. LET'S EXIT TO THE SURFACE.

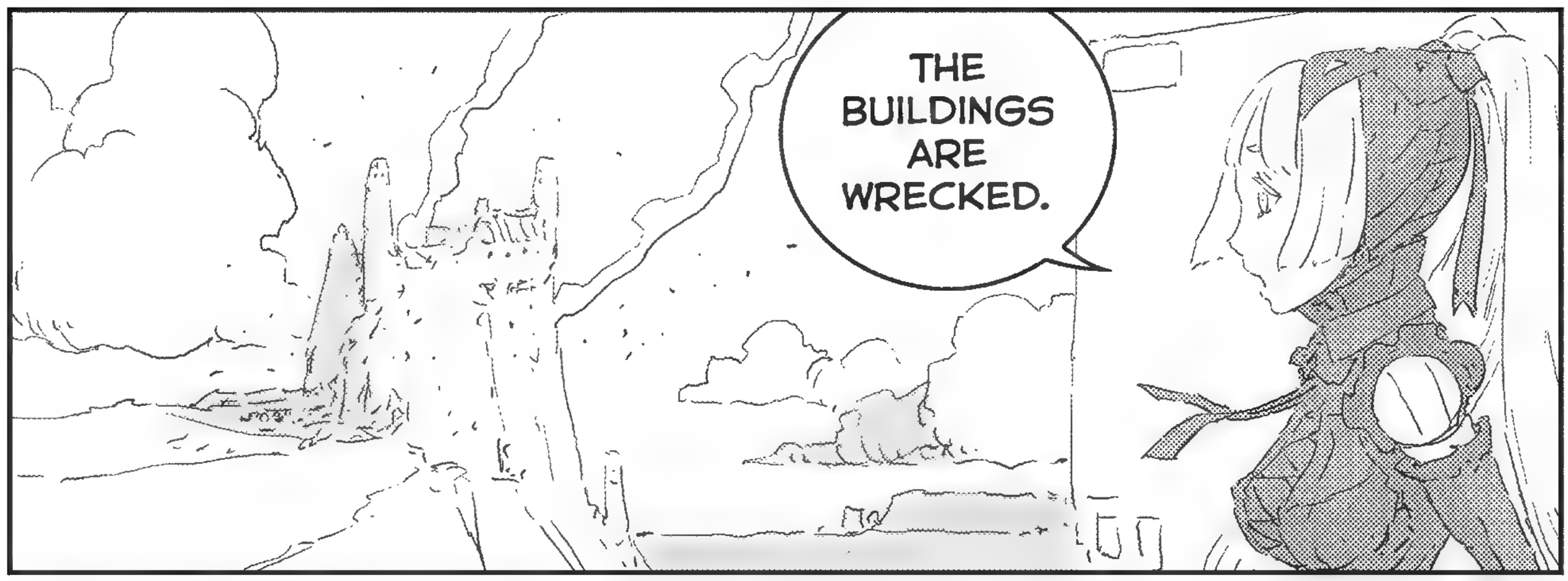
WE KNOW ABOUT ALL THAT.

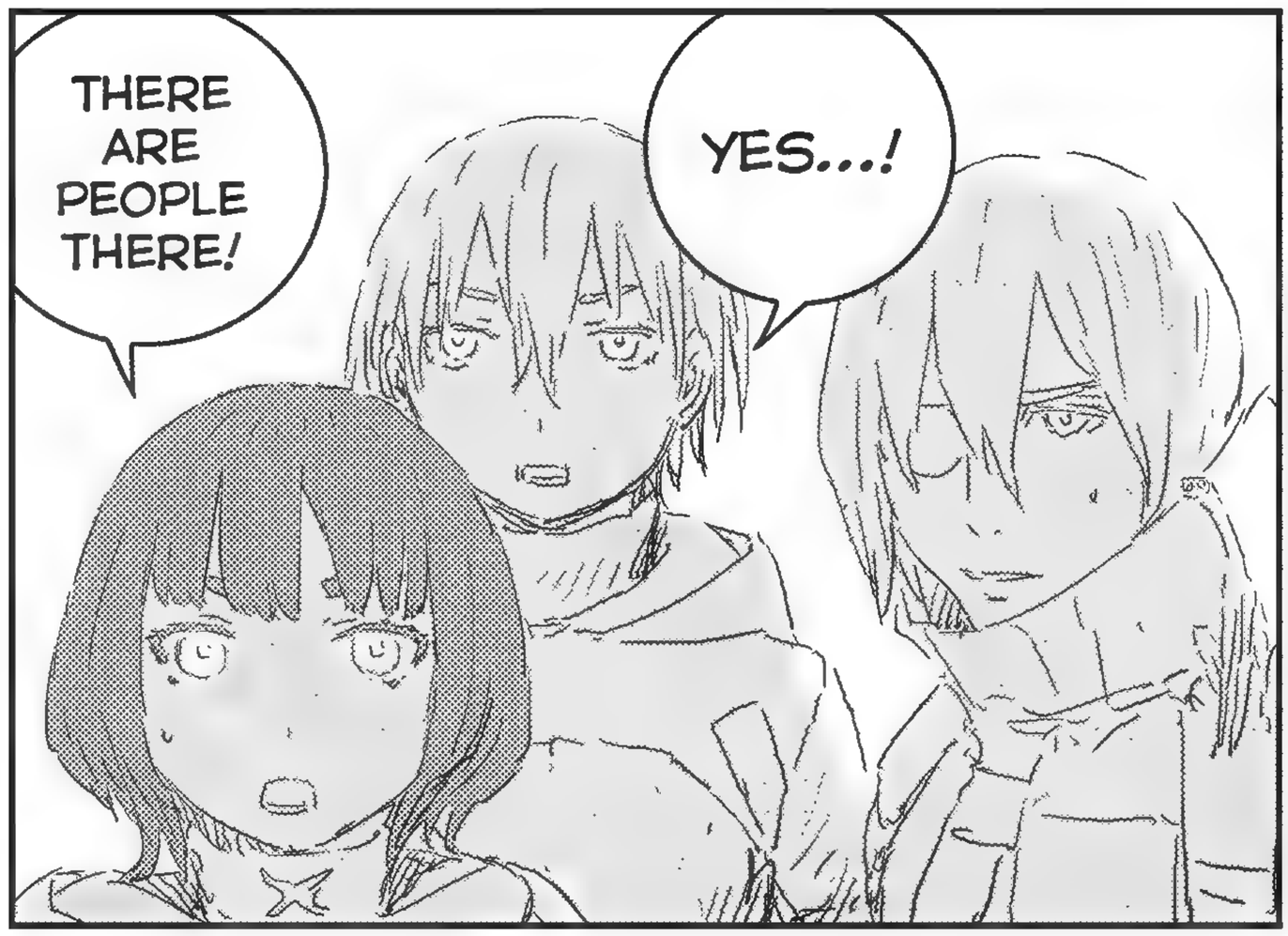

BECAUSE IF YOU MESS WITH LIVE PIPES,
AUTO-MATONS WILL REACT.
THEY'RE GUARDING THE CON-STRUCTION WORK ON THE PIPE NODES.

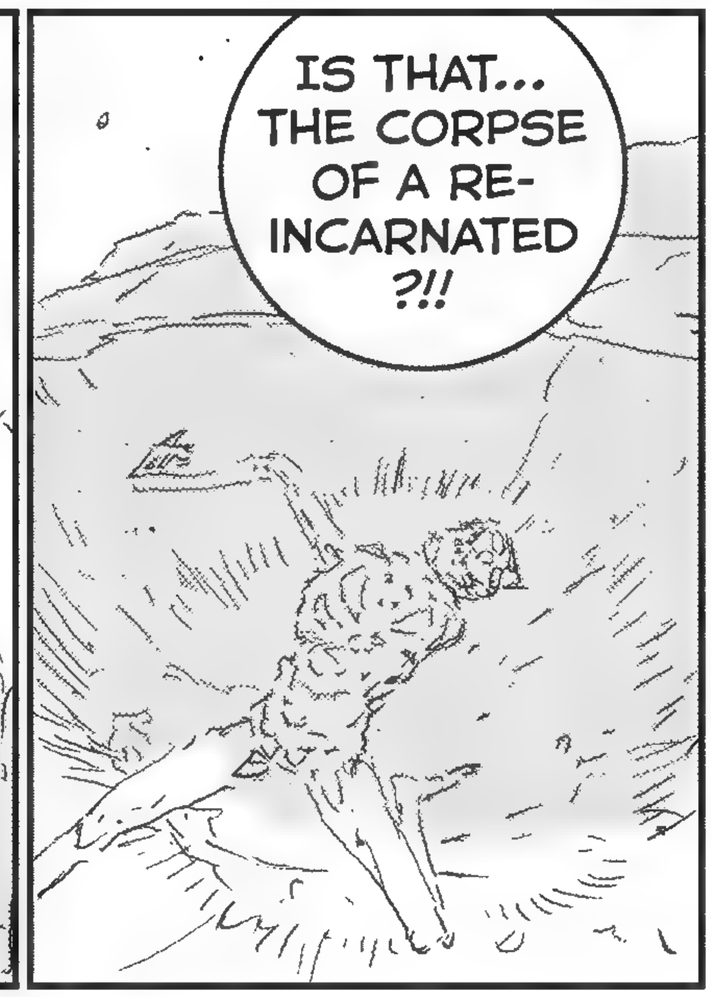

THERE'S SOME-THING ODD ABOUT IT.
SAY WHAT? ARE WE GONNA DETOUR AGAIN?

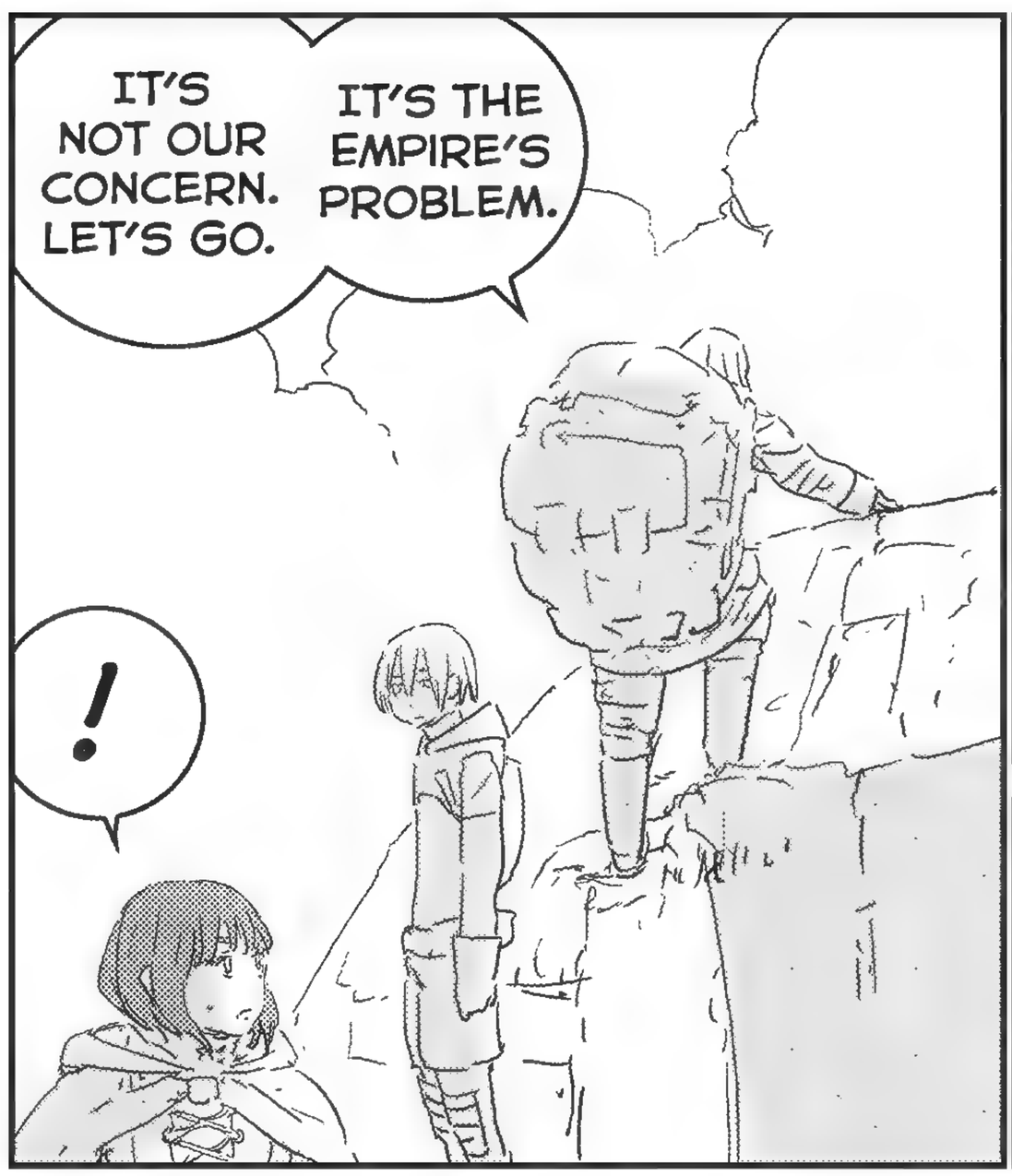


OVER THERE. IT'S A TOWN.


THE BUILDINGS ARE WRECKED.


THERE ARE PEOPLE THERE!
YES...!


IS THAT... THE CORPSE OF A RE-INCARNATED ?!!


IT'S NOT OUR CONCERN. LET'S GO.
IT'S THE EMPIRE'S PROBLEM.
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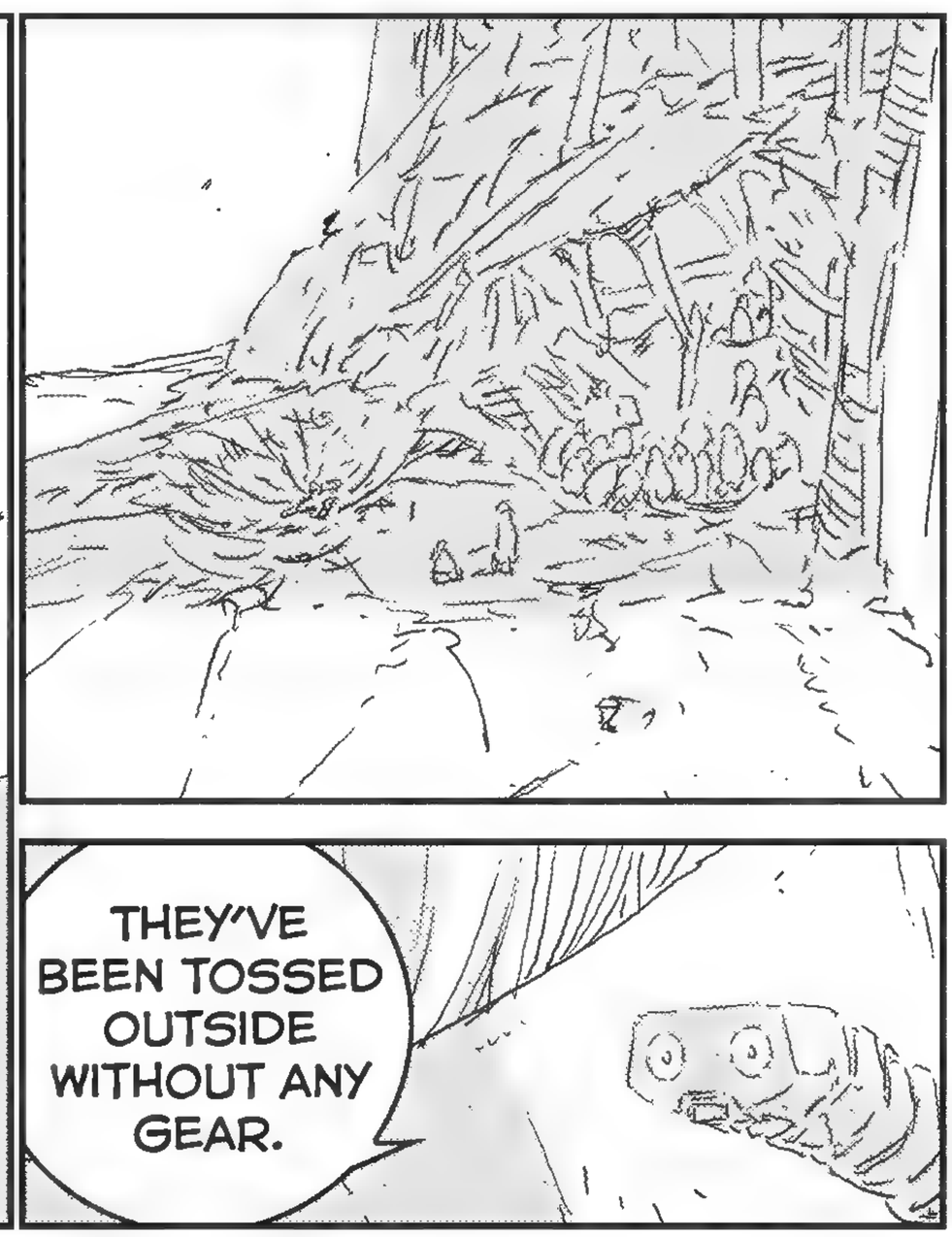
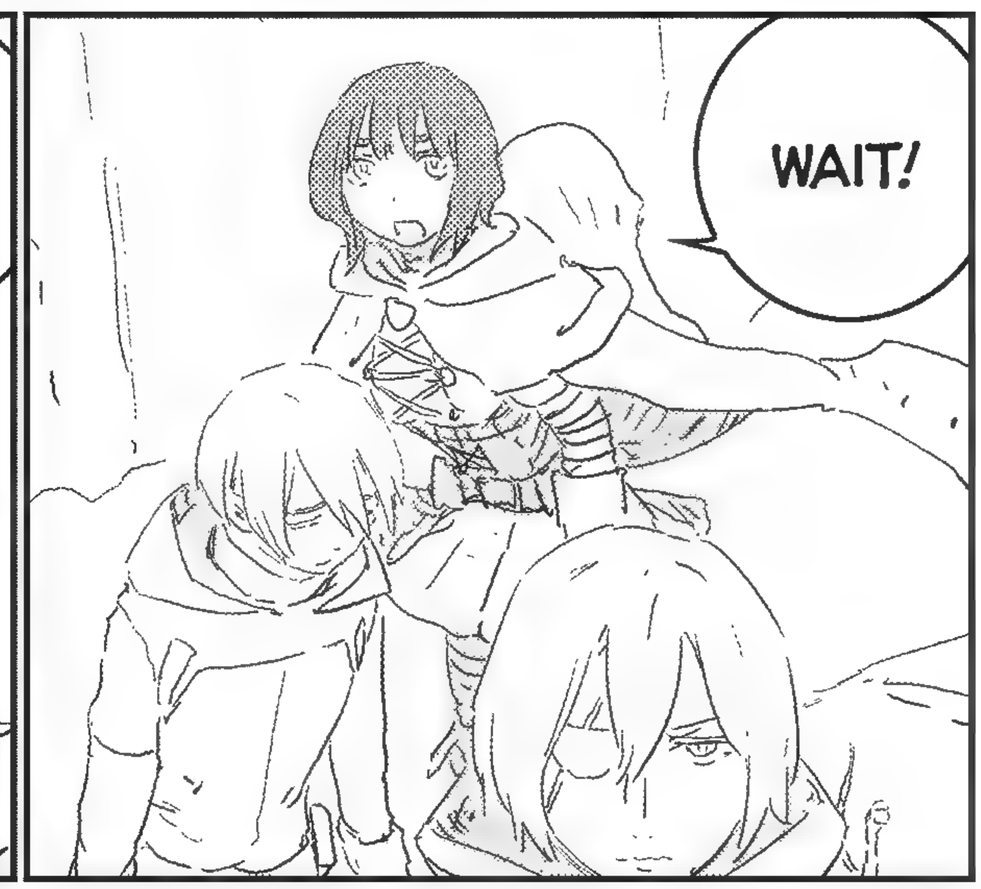

THEY'VE BEEN TOSSED OUTSIDE WITHOUT ANY GEAR.

BUT IF A REINCAR-NATED WAS KILLED,
THEN IMPERIAL REINFORCE-MENTS WILL BE COMING FOR SURE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED OVER THERE,
KEISHA.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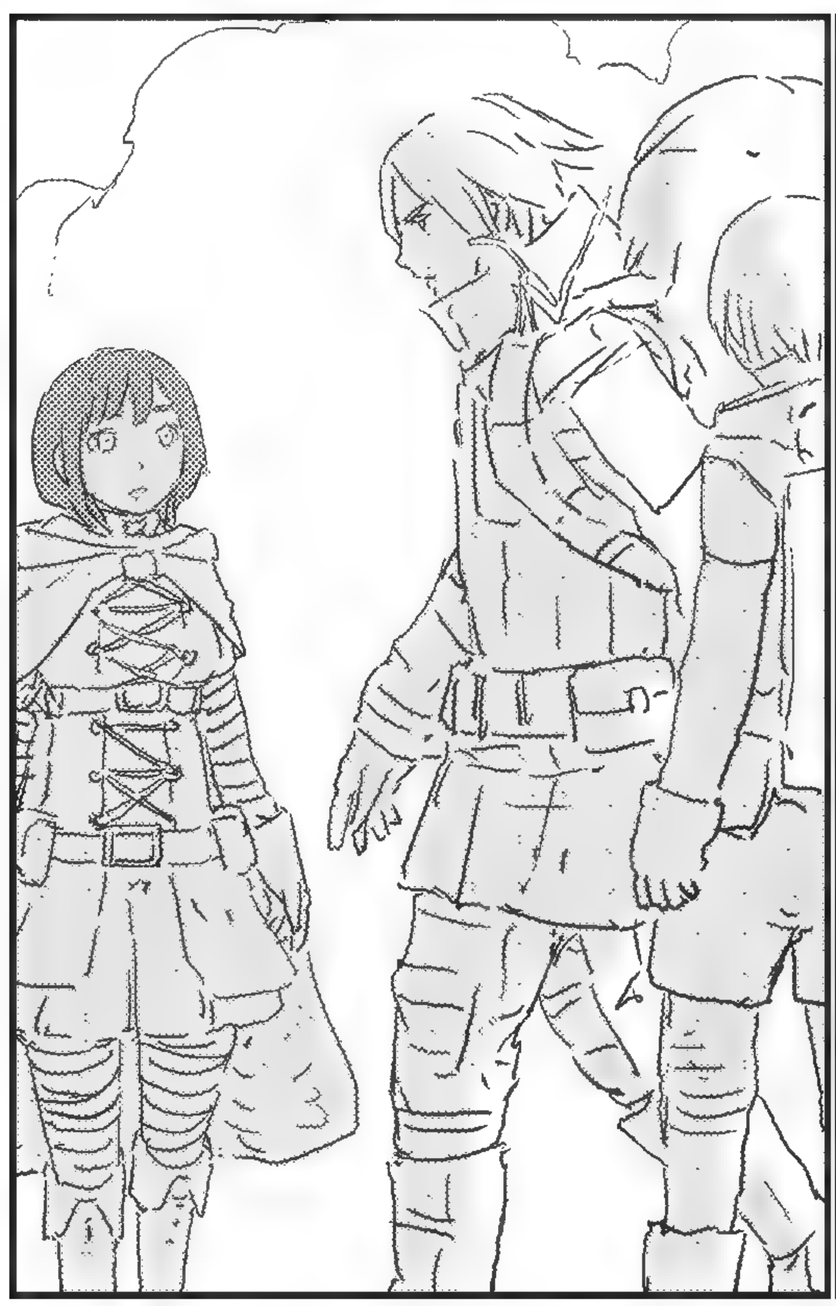

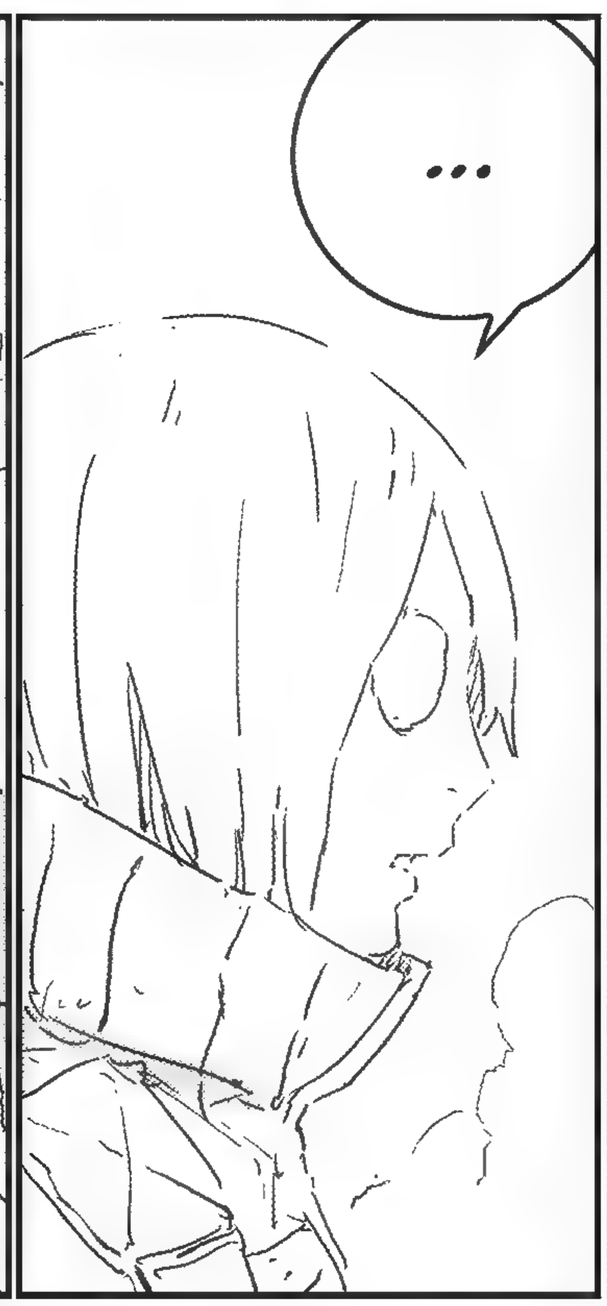
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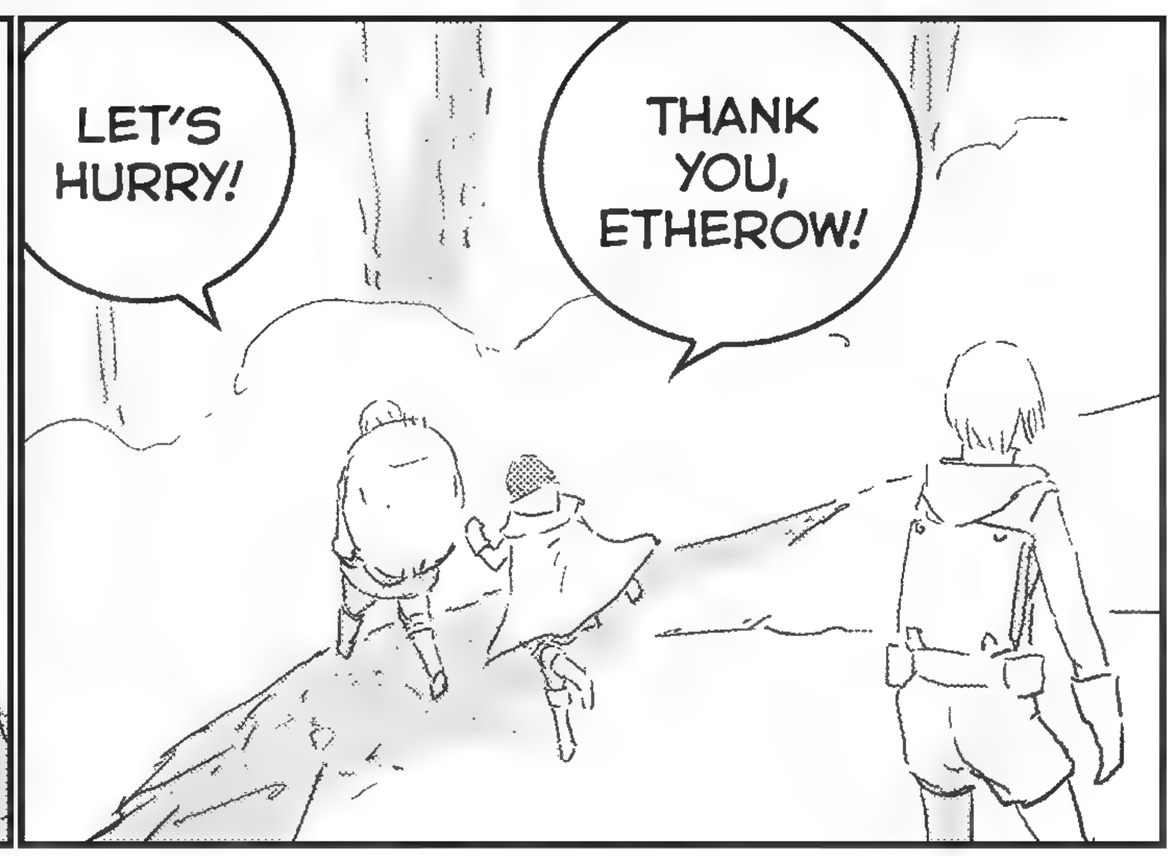
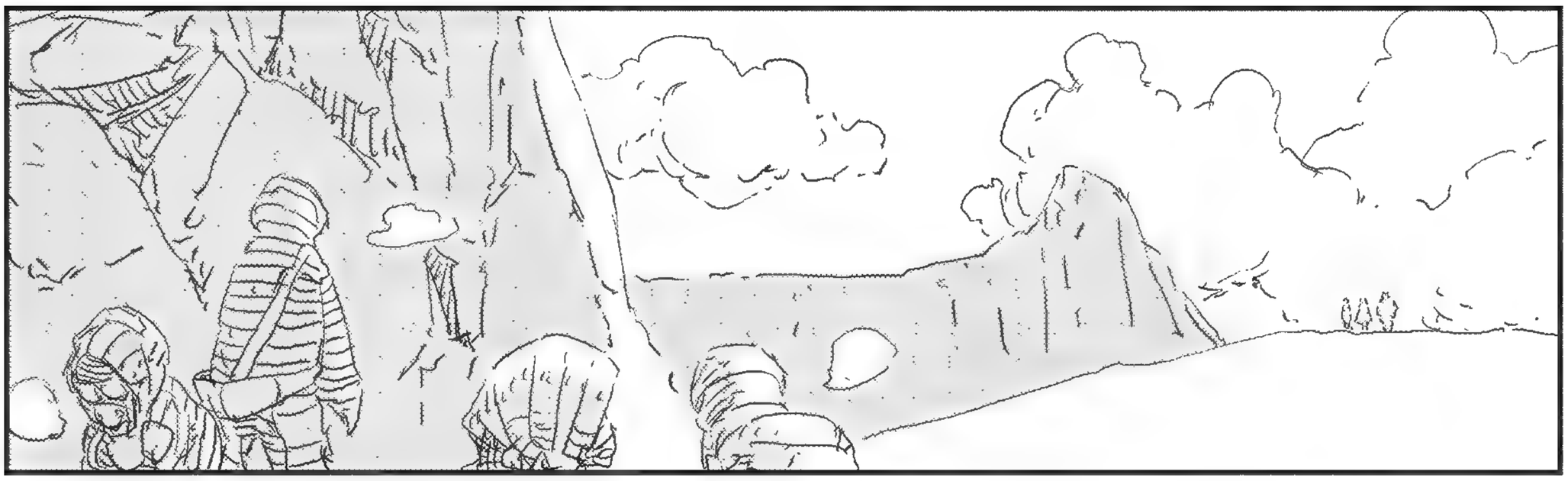
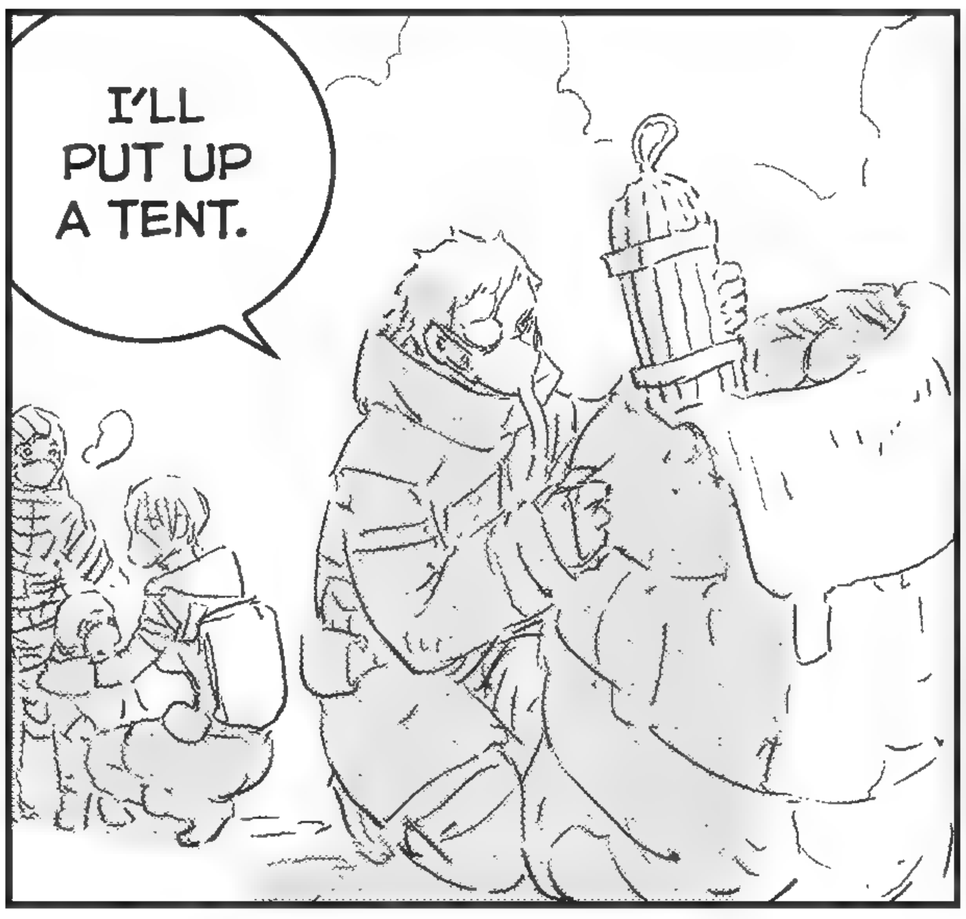
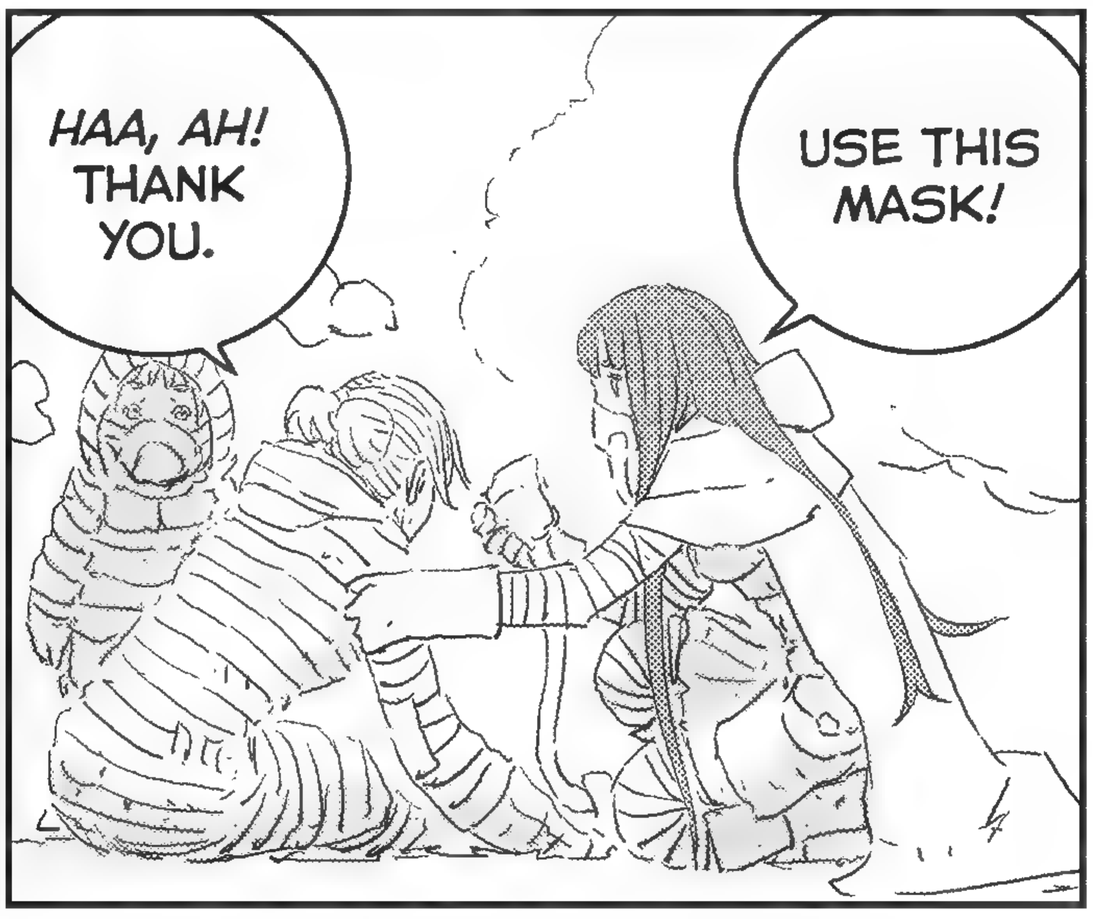
BUT IF WE DON'T HELP THEM RIGHT NOW, THOSE PEOPLE WILL DIE!

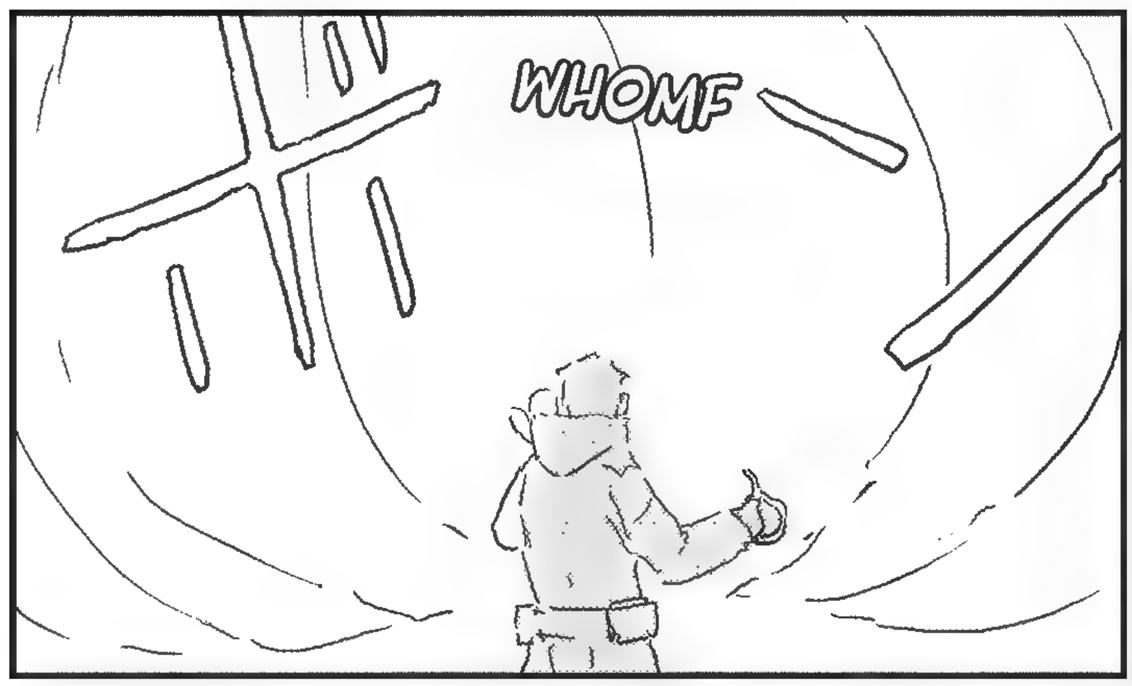
HUH?!!


LET'S HURRY!
THANK YOU, ETHEROW!




I'LL PUT UP A TENT.


HAA, AH! THANK YOU.
USE THIS MASK!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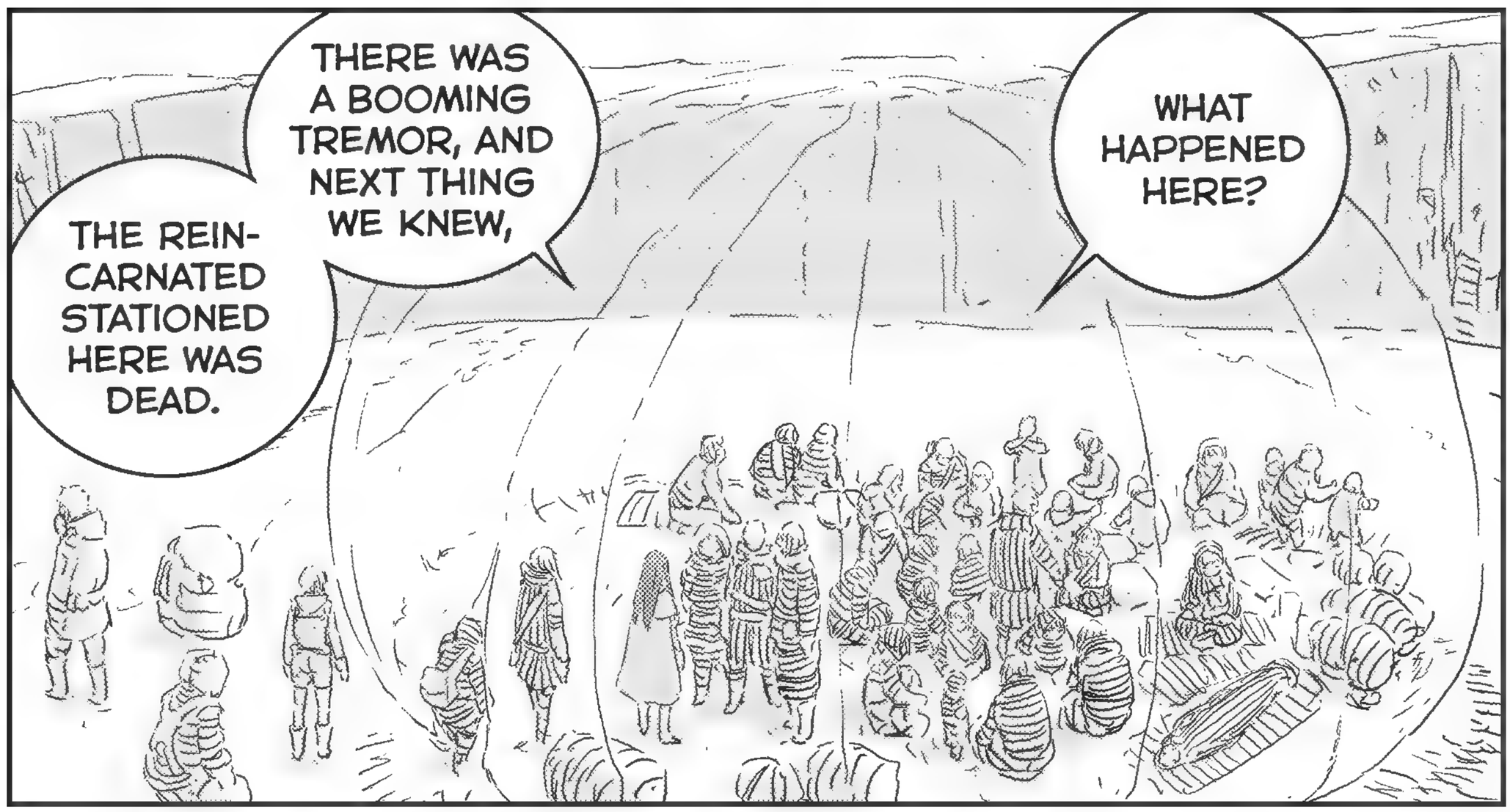
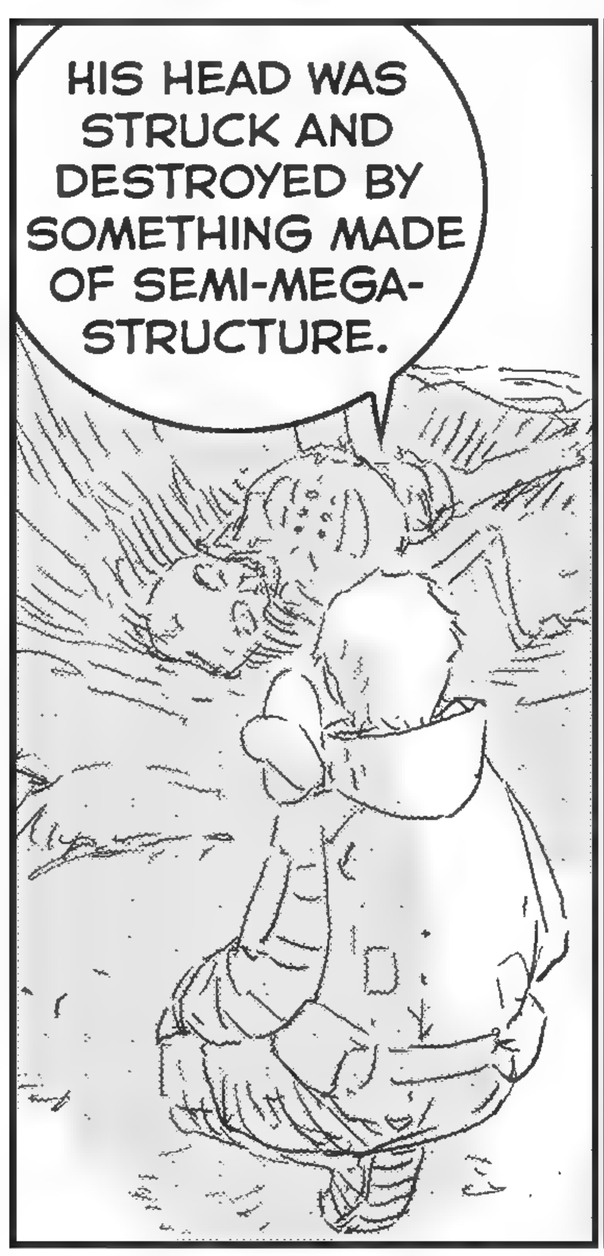
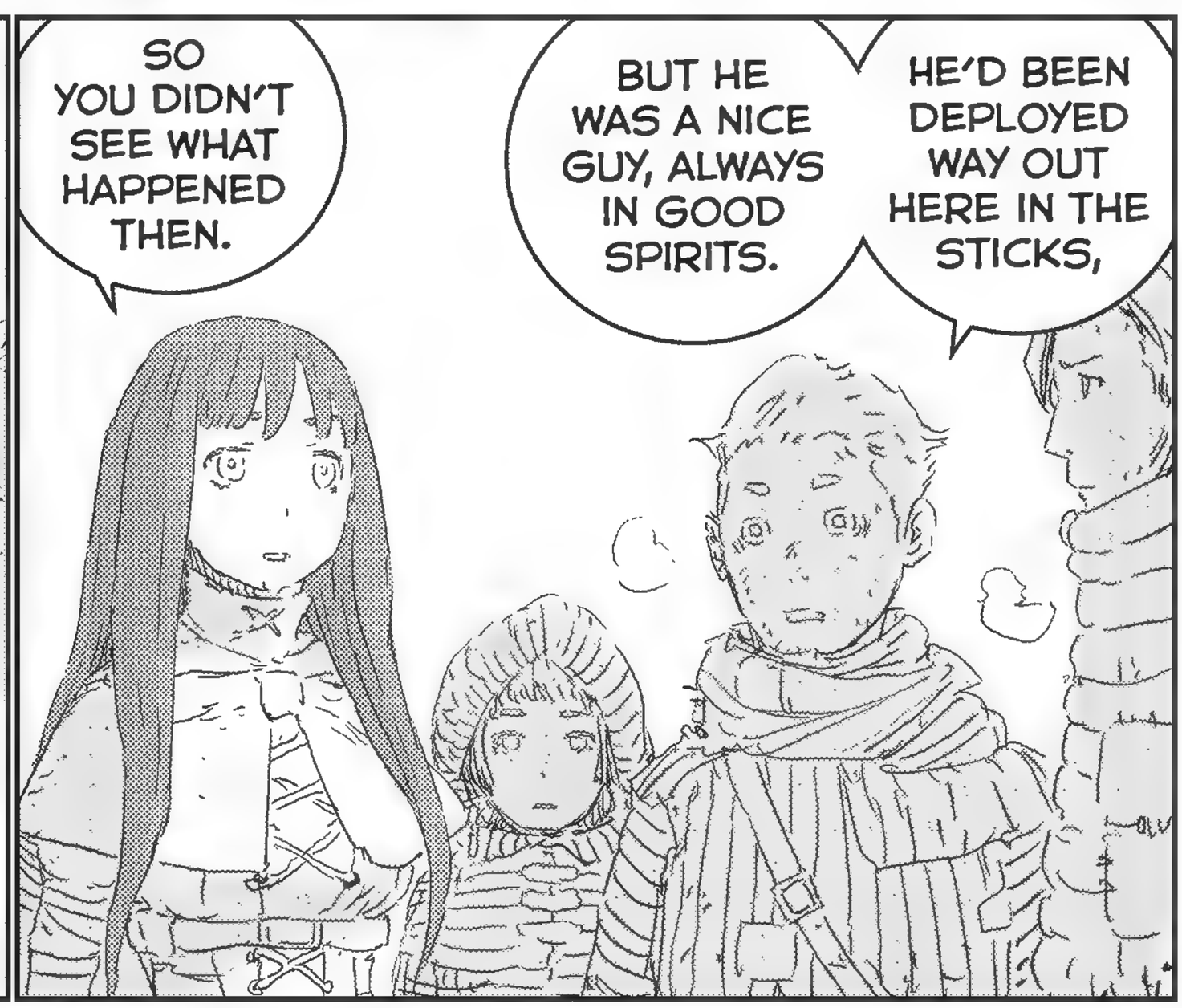
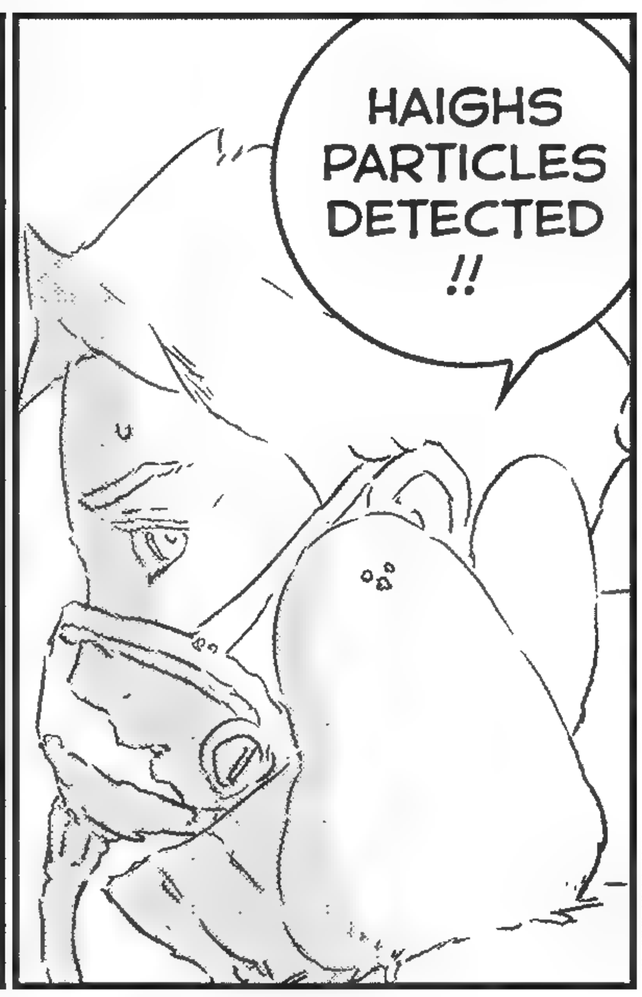

THE REIN-CARNATED STATIONED HERE WAS DEAD.
THERE WAS A BOOMING TREMOR, AND NEXT THING WE KNEW,
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

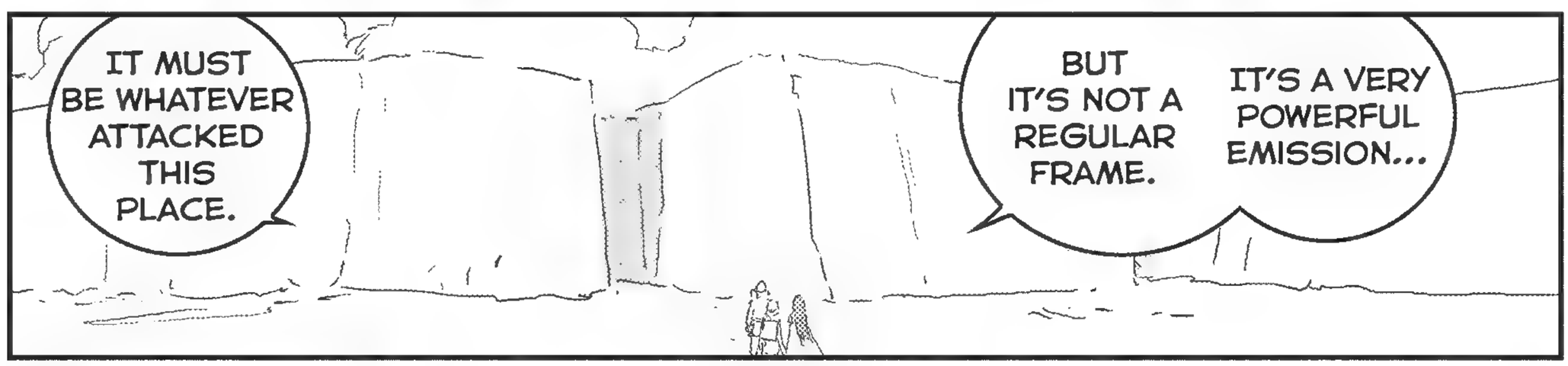

HIS HEAD WAS STRUCK AND DESTROYED BY SOMETHING MADE OF SEMI-MEGA-STRUCTURE.


SO YOU DIDN'T SEE WHAT HAPPENED THEN.
BUT HE WAS A NICE GUY, ALWAYS IN GOOD SPIRITS.
HE'D BEEN DEPLOYED WAY OUT HERE IN THE STICKS,

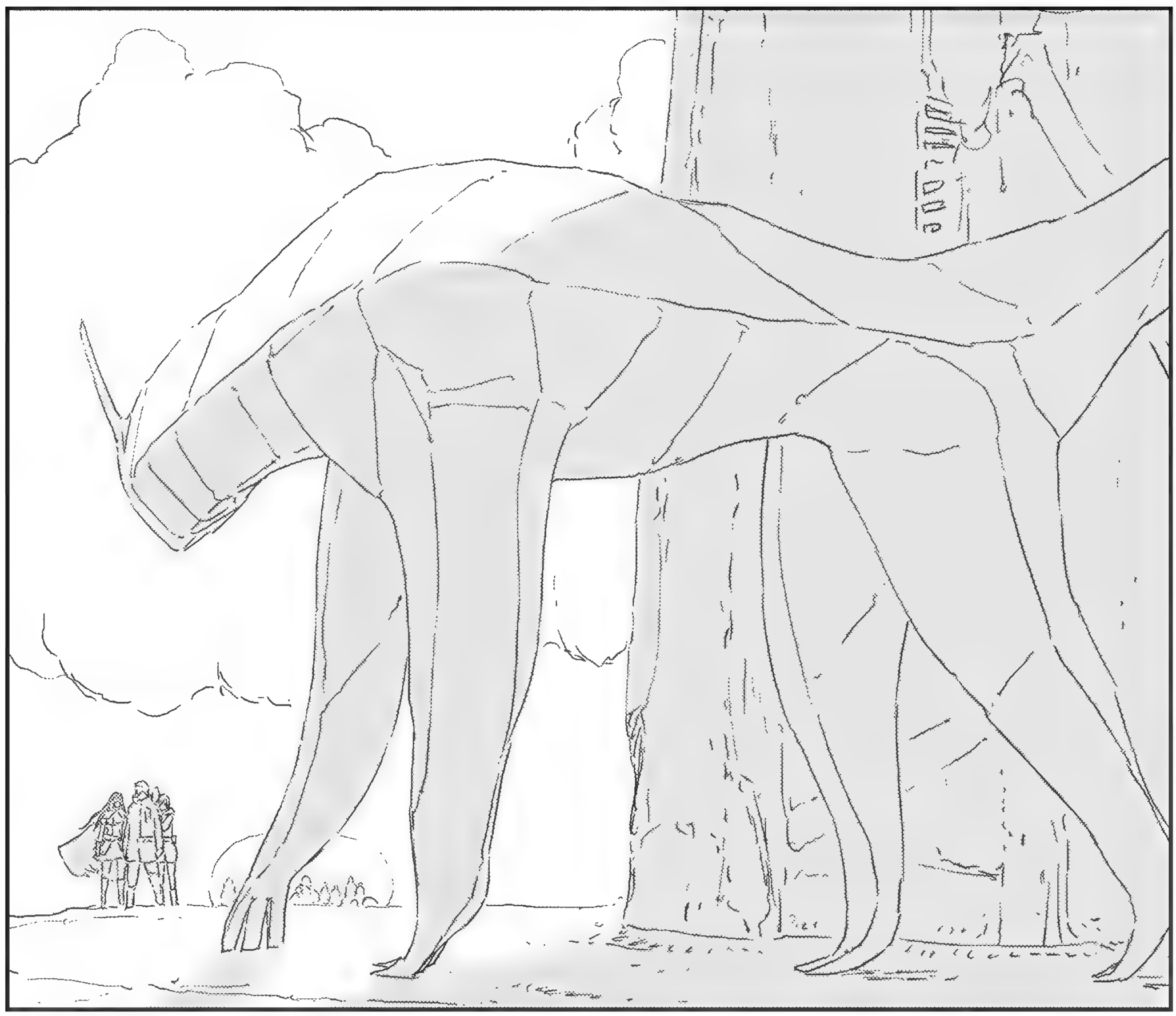
THERE'S SOMETHING OVER THERE!


HAIGHS PARTICLES DETECTED !!

KEISHA, LET'S GO!

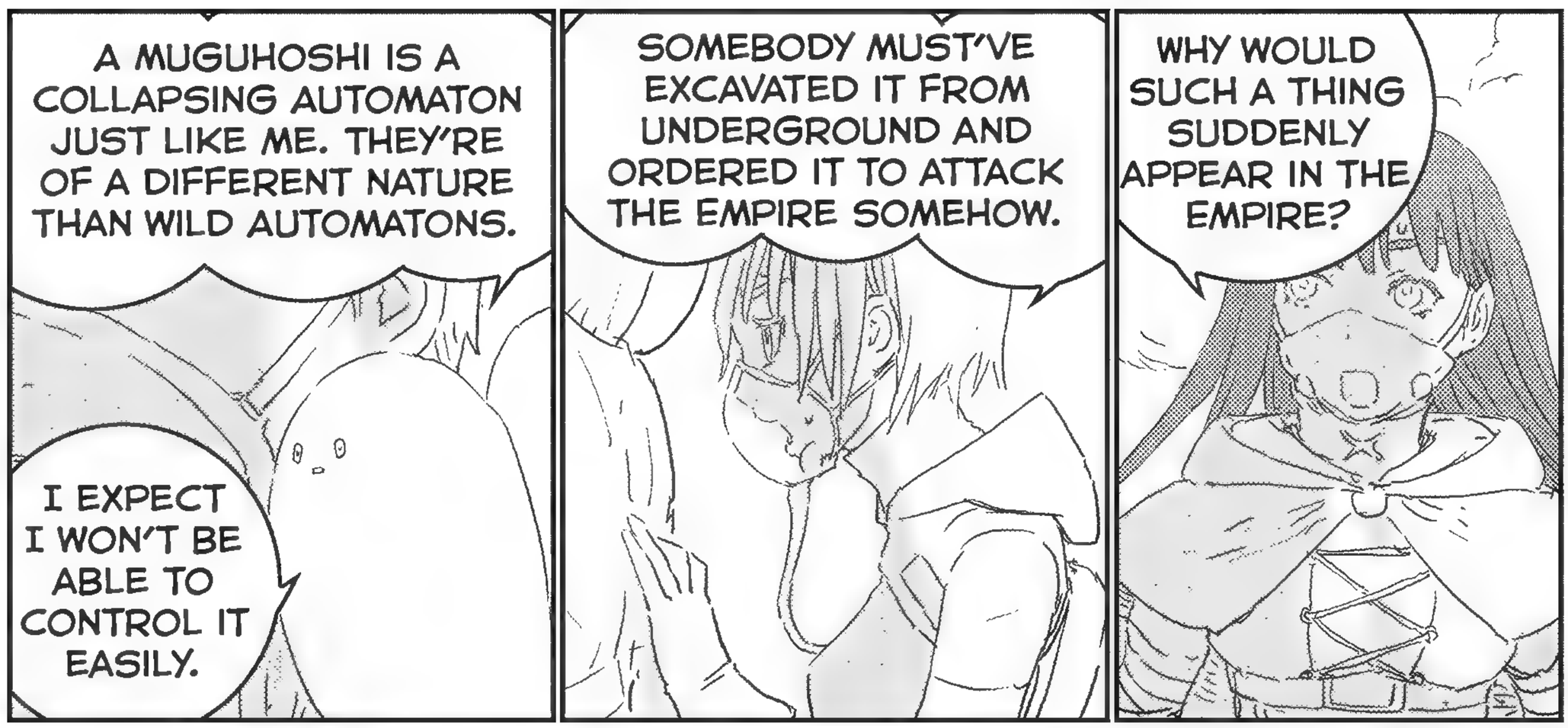

IT MUST BE WHATEVER ATTACKED THIS PLACE.
BUT IT'S NOT A REGULAR FRAME.
IT'S A VERY POWERFUL EMISSION...

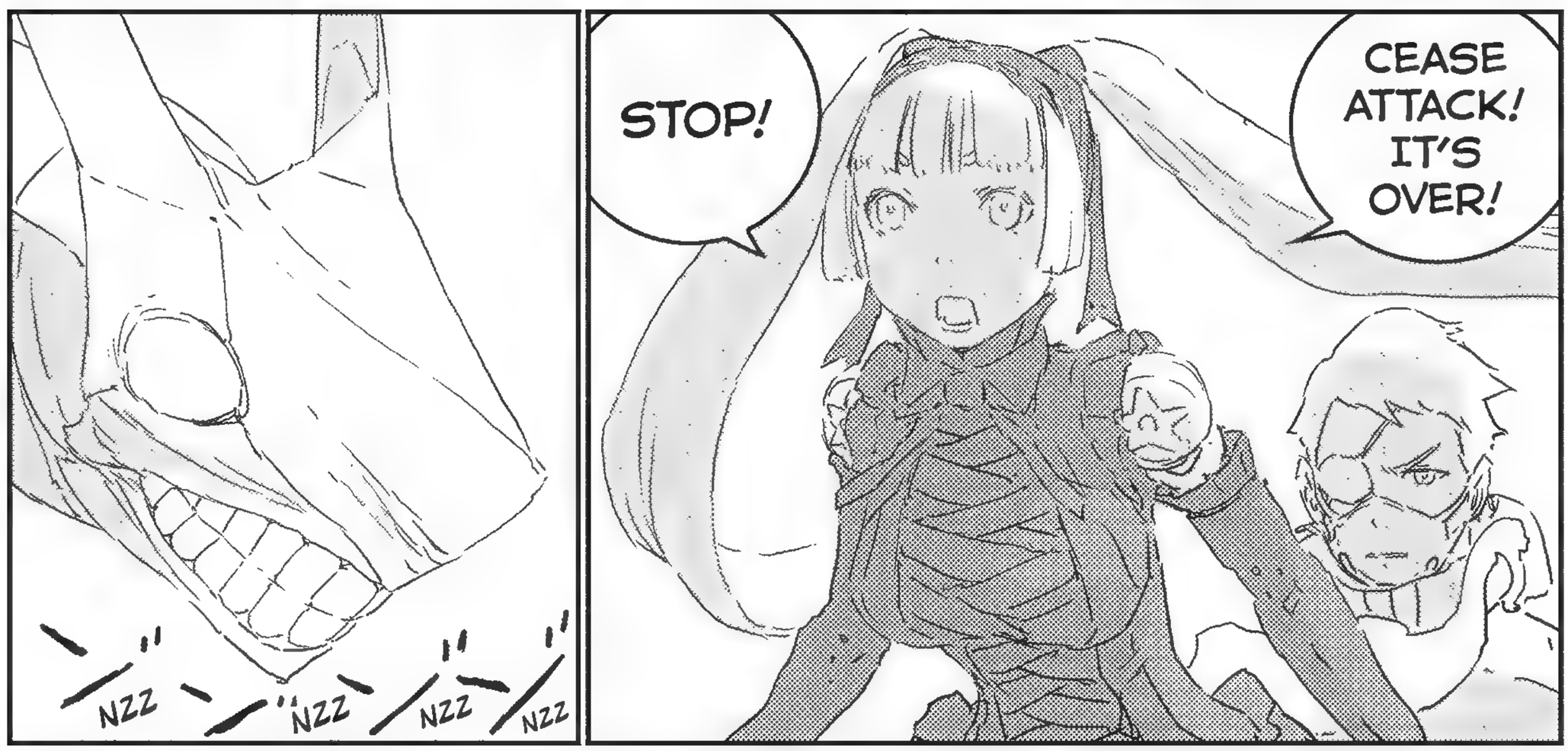
THAT'S NO REASON TO JUST RUN AWAY
AND SAVE OUR-SELVES!
C'MON! THE EMPIRE'S ON THEIR WAY!



IT'S A WEAPON ?!
THEY'RE A TYPE OF ANTI-REGULAR FRAME WEAPON THAT WAS USED IN PAST WARS.

IT'S A MUGU-HOSHI!!


A MUGUHOSHI IS A COLLAPSING AUTOMATON JUST LIKE ME. THEY'RE OF A DIFFERENT NATURE THAN WILD AUTOMATONS.
I EXPECT I WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL IT EASILY.
SOMEBODY MUST'VE EXCAVATED IT FROM UNDERGROUND AND ORDERED IT TO ATTACK THE EMPIRE SOMEHOW.
WHY WOULD SUCH A THING SUDDENLY APPEAR IN THE EMPIRE?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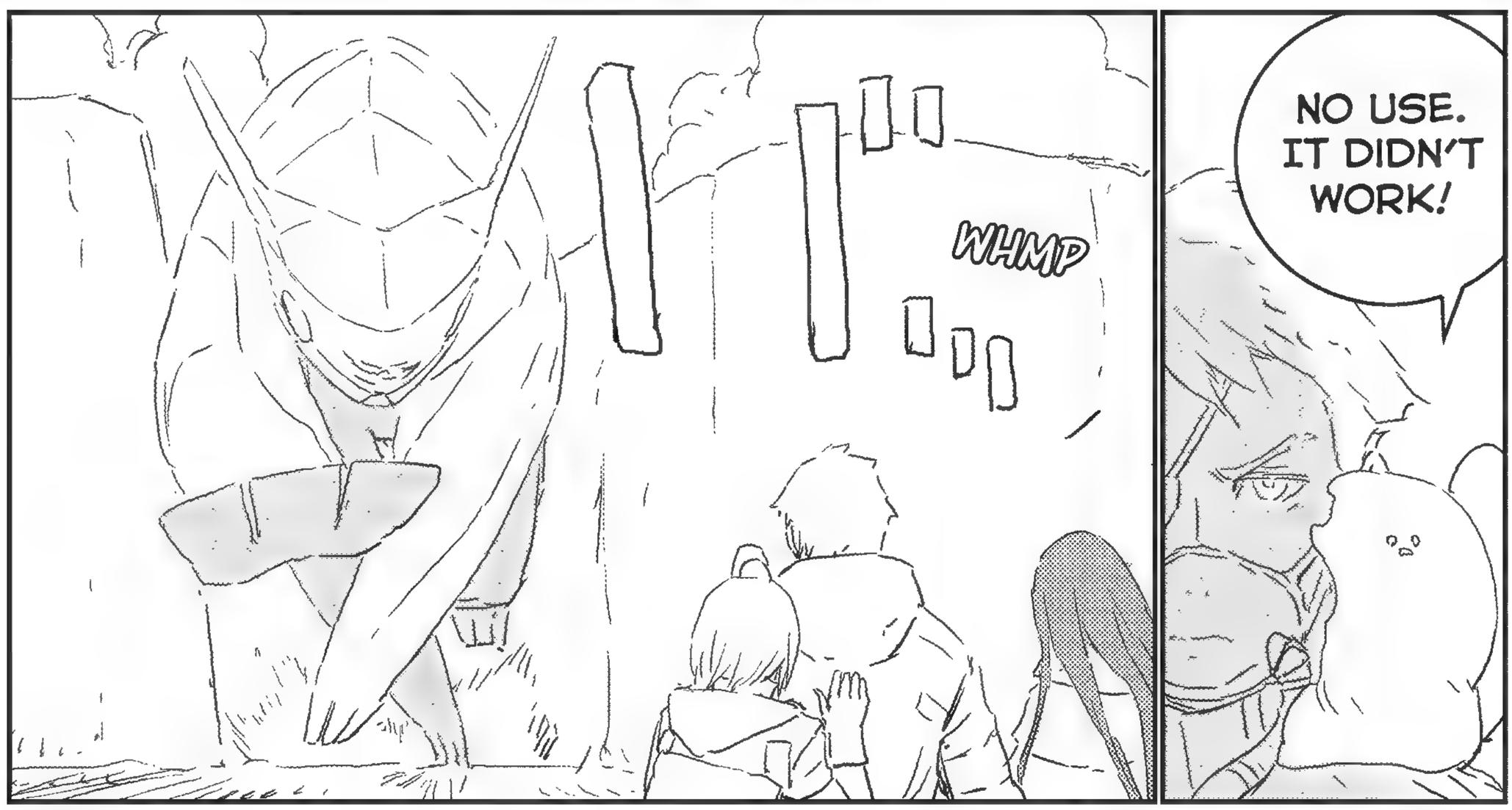
STOP!
CEASE ATTACK! IT'S OVER!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NO USE. IT DIDN'T WORK!

CRTCH
BEHIND US!
QUICKLY!

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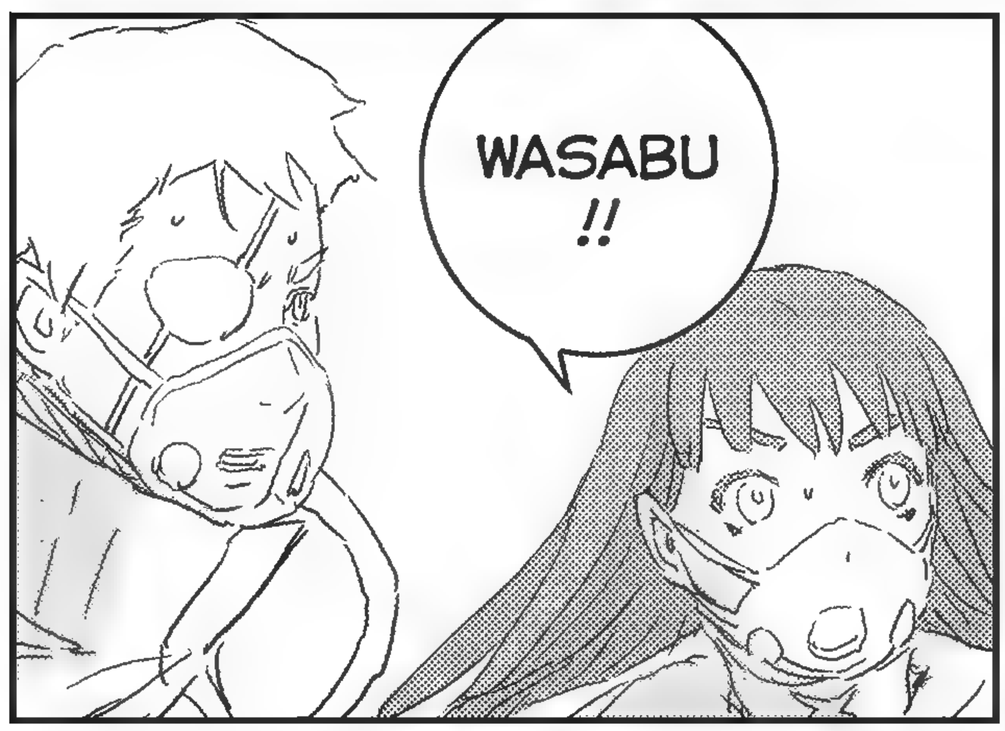
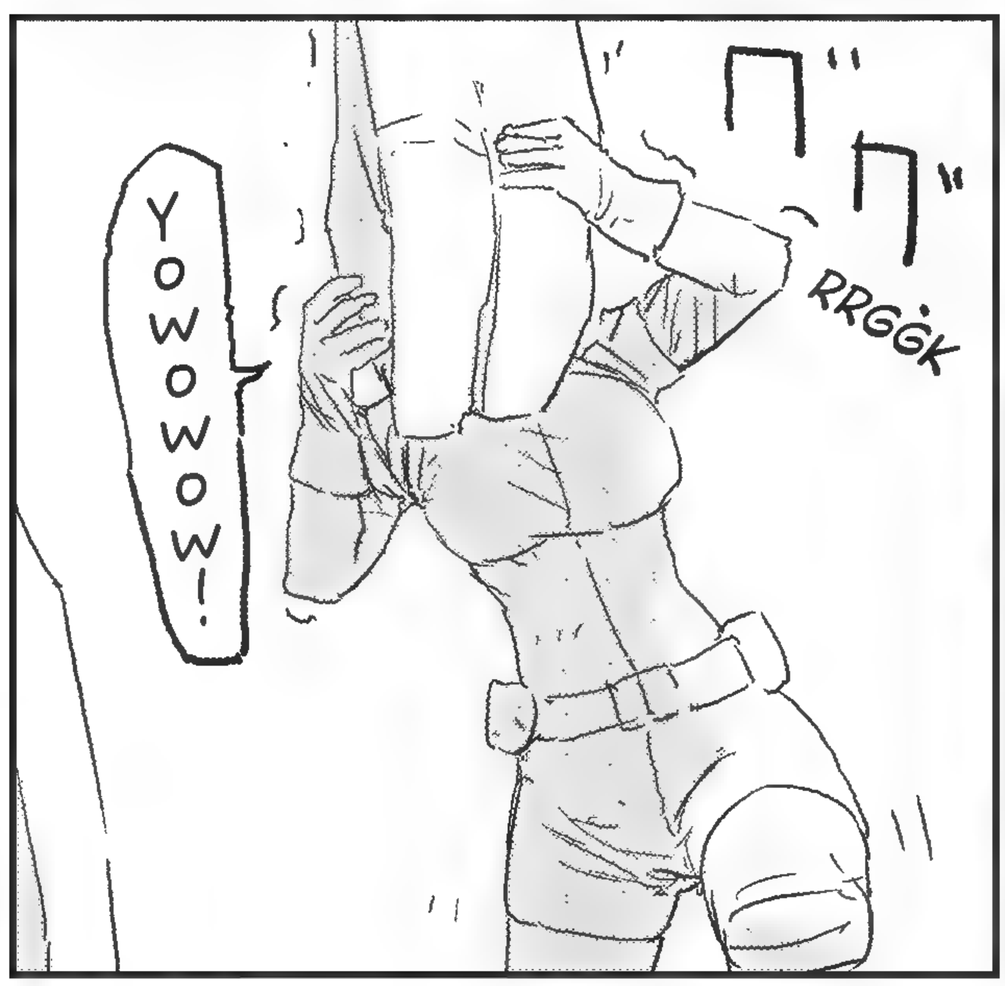
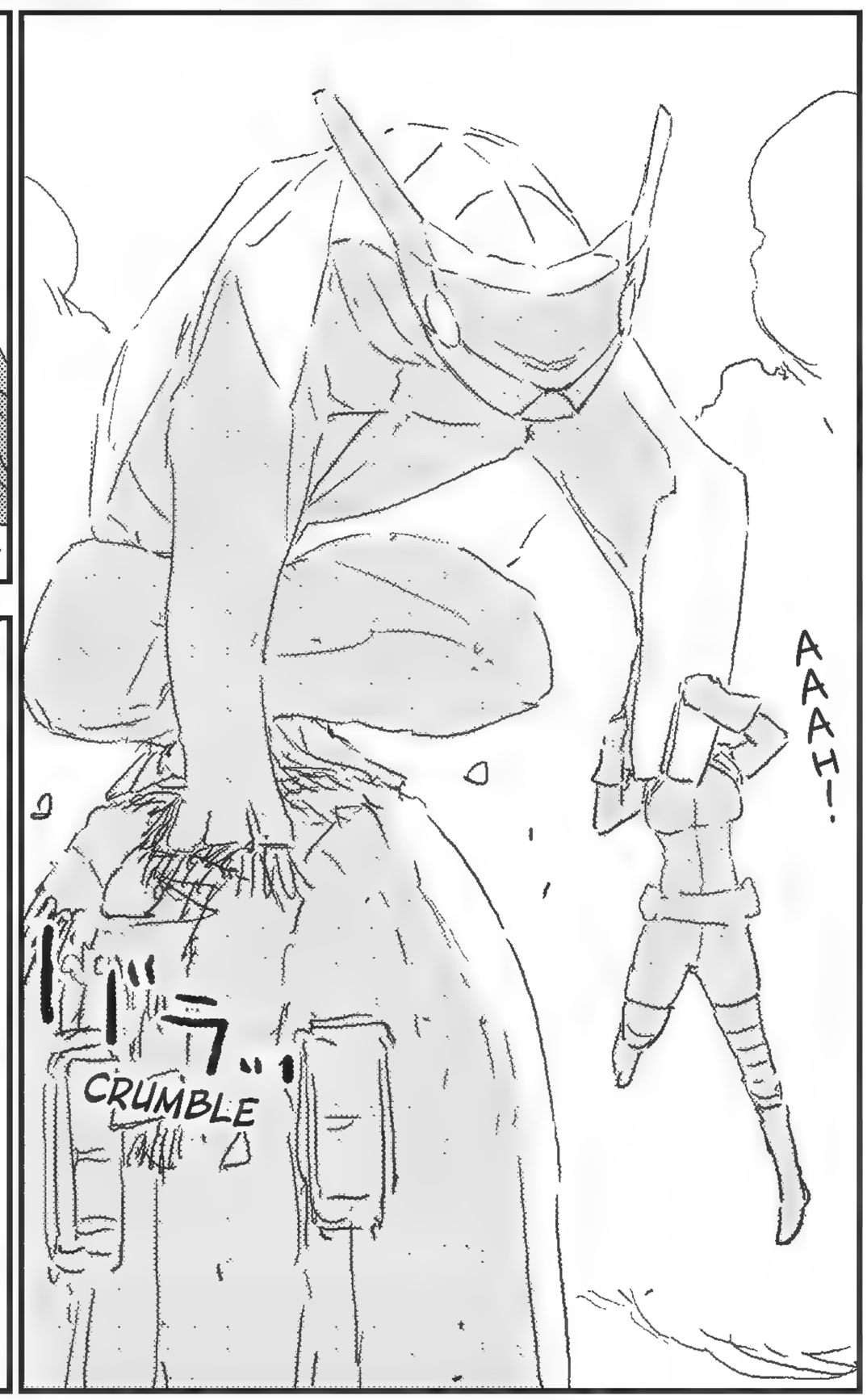
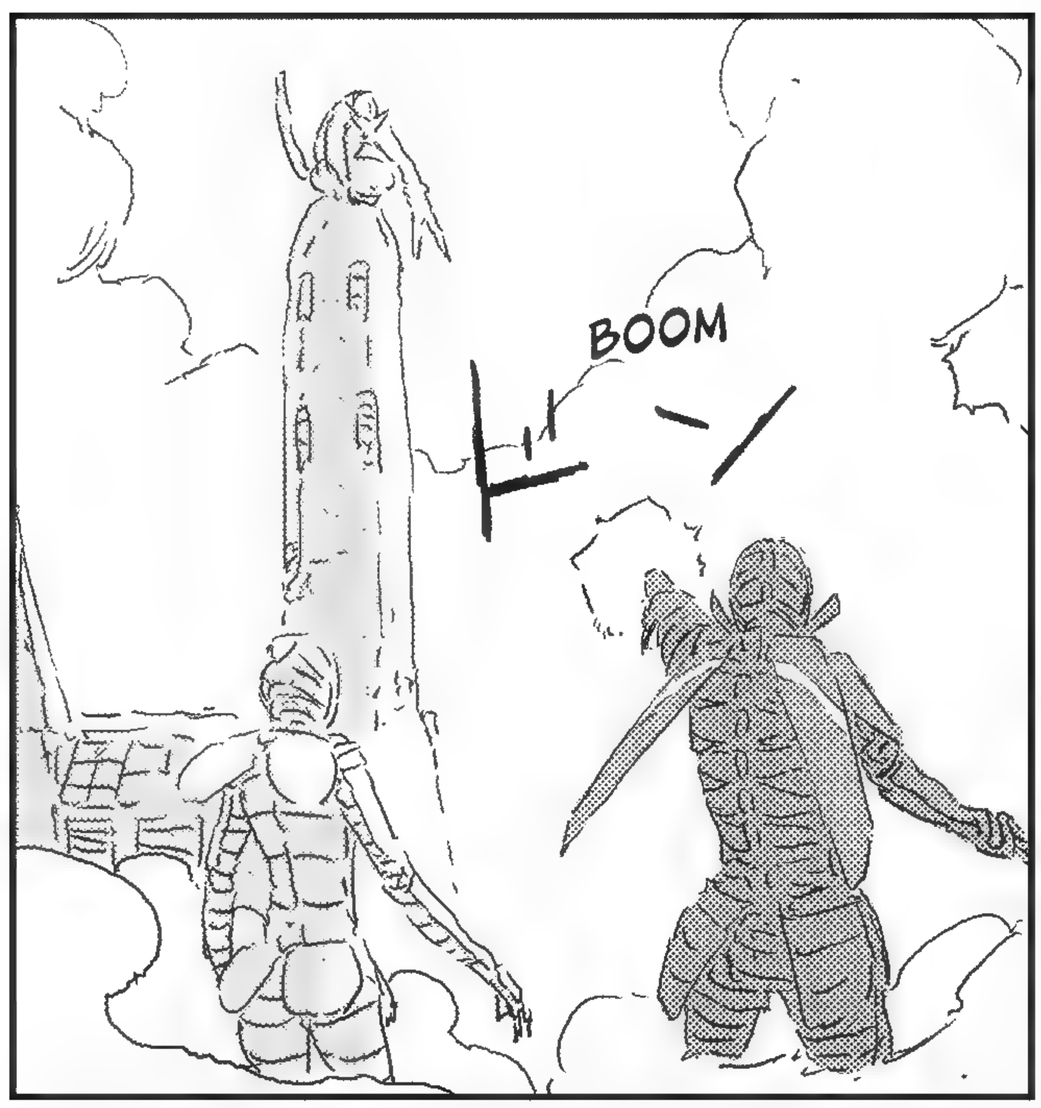
WHOOSH


WASABU !!


YOWOW!
RRGGK


AAAH!
CRUMBLE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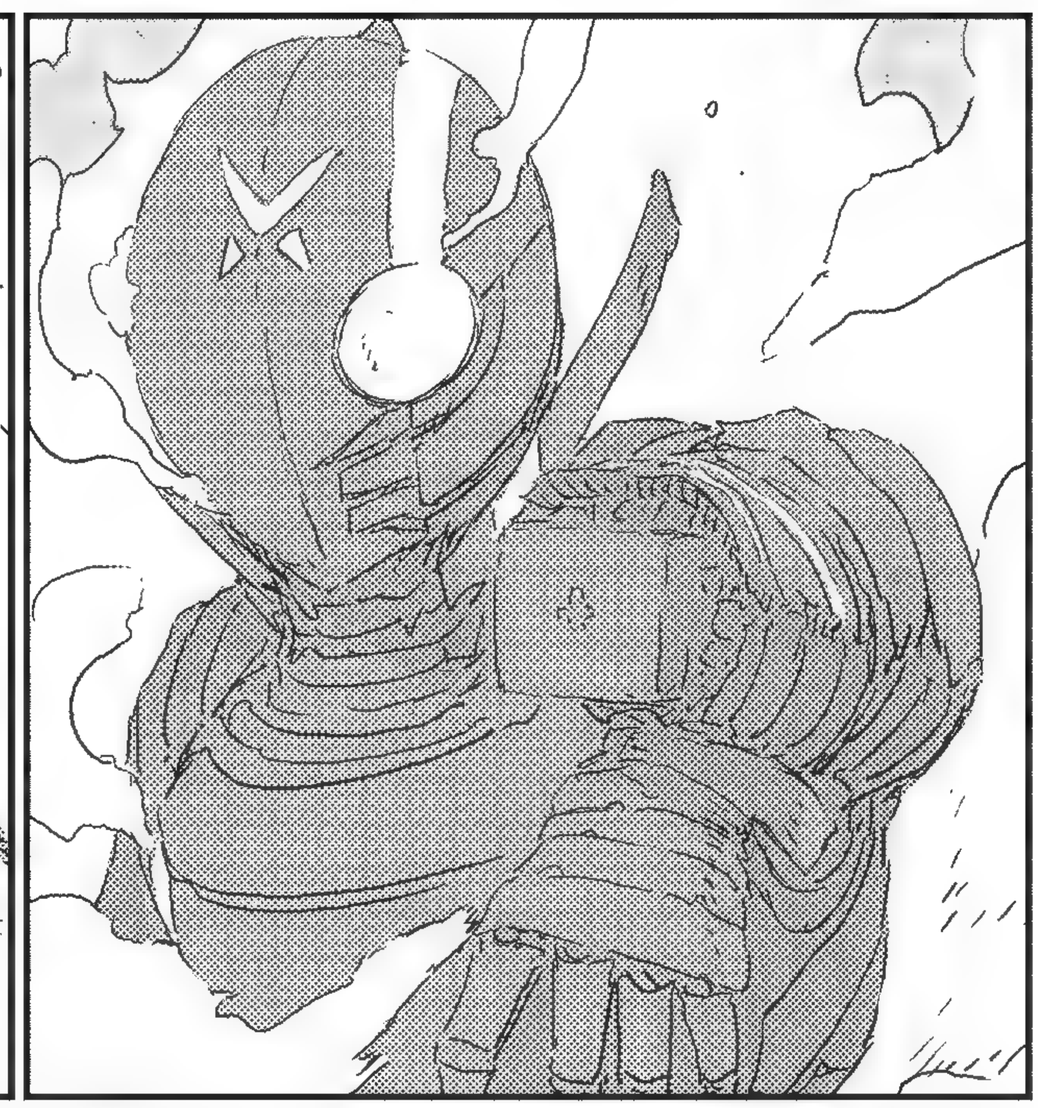

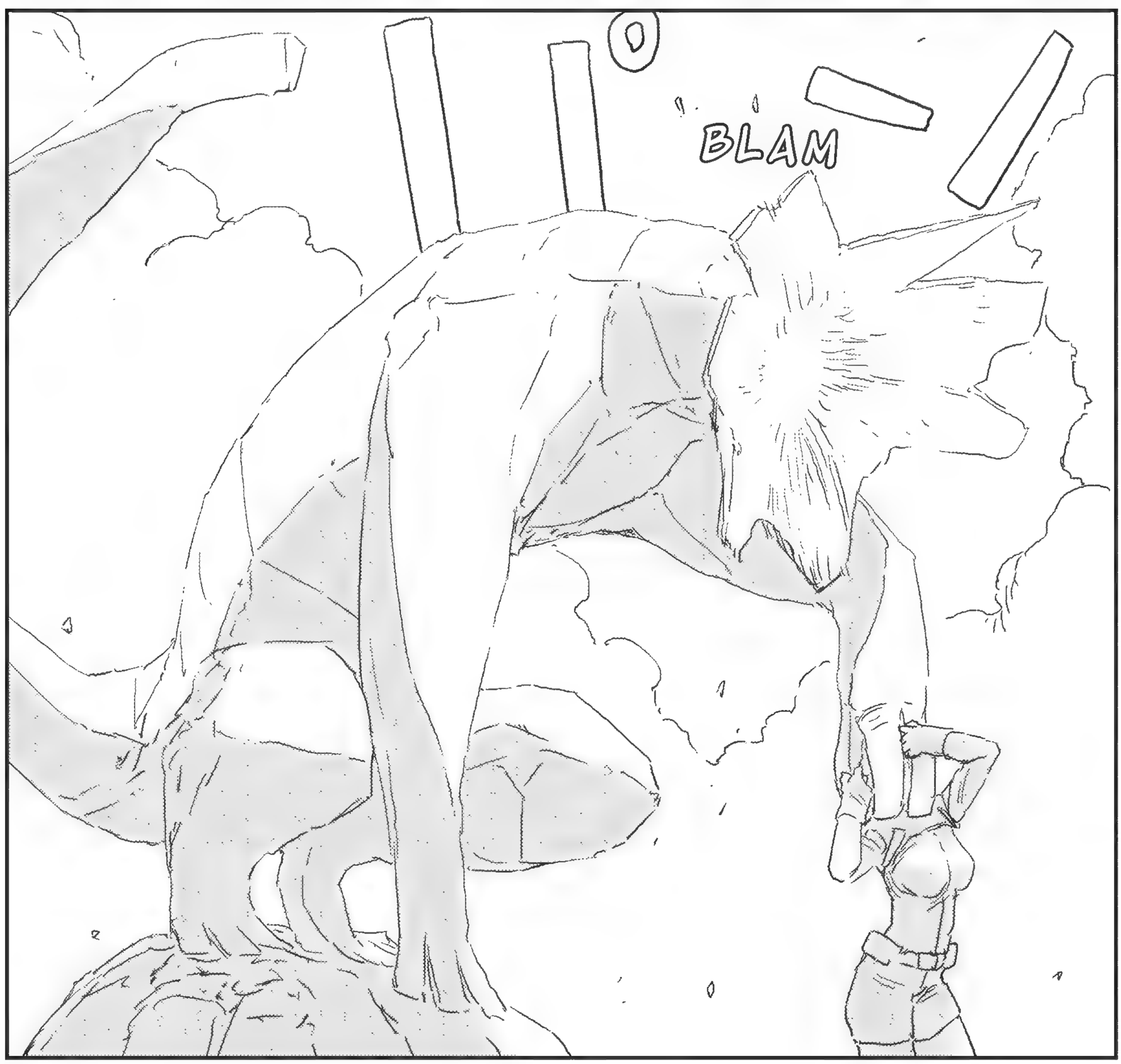
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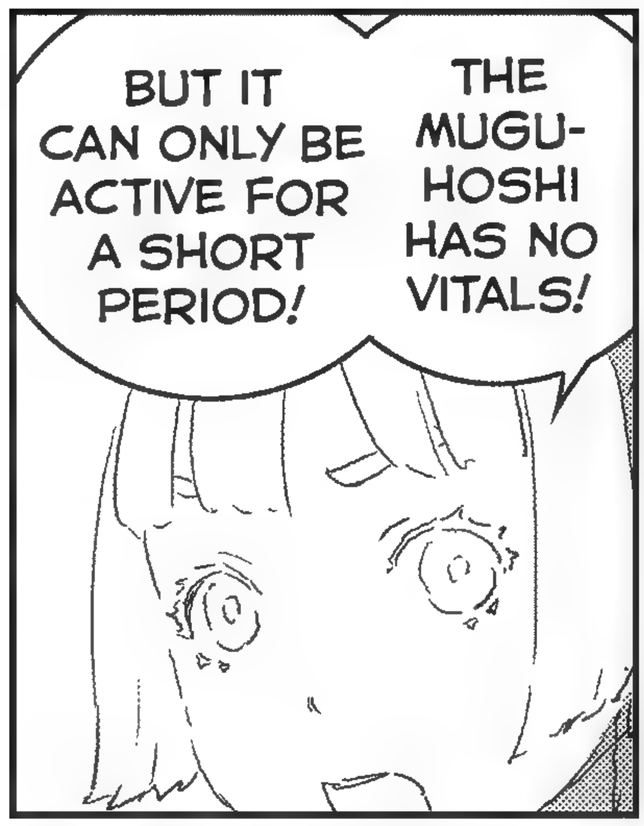
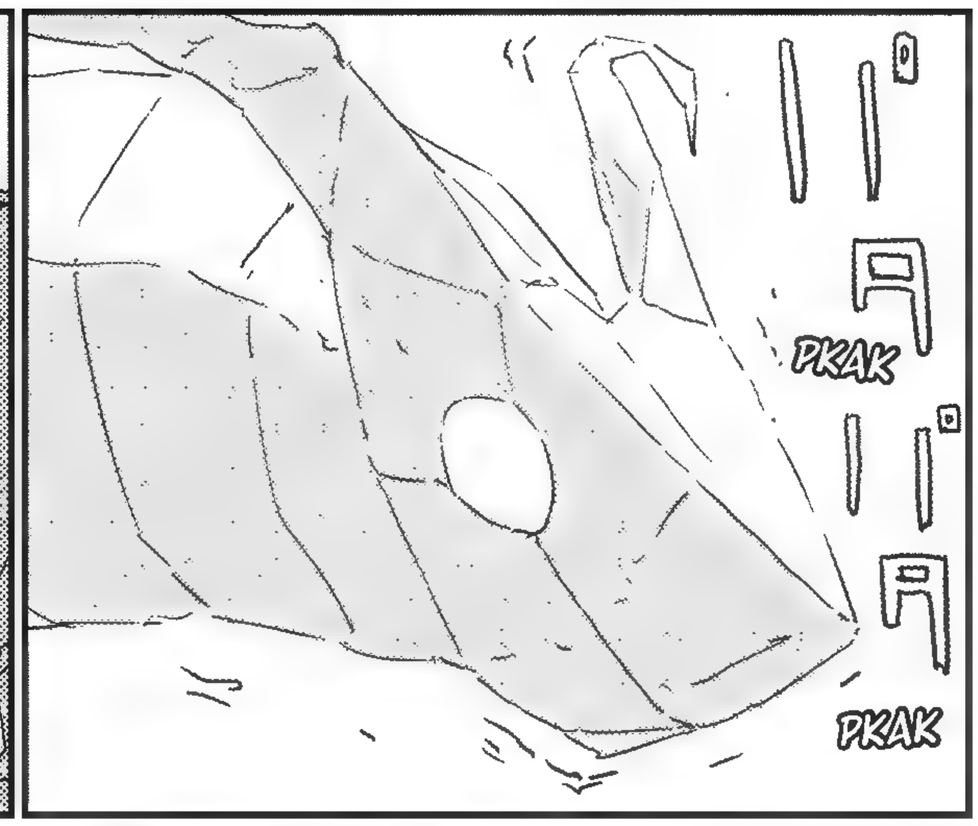

BUT IT CAN ONLY BE ACTIVE FOR A SHORT PERIOD!
THE MUGU-HOSHI HAS NO VITALS!

WHAT THE HELL ?!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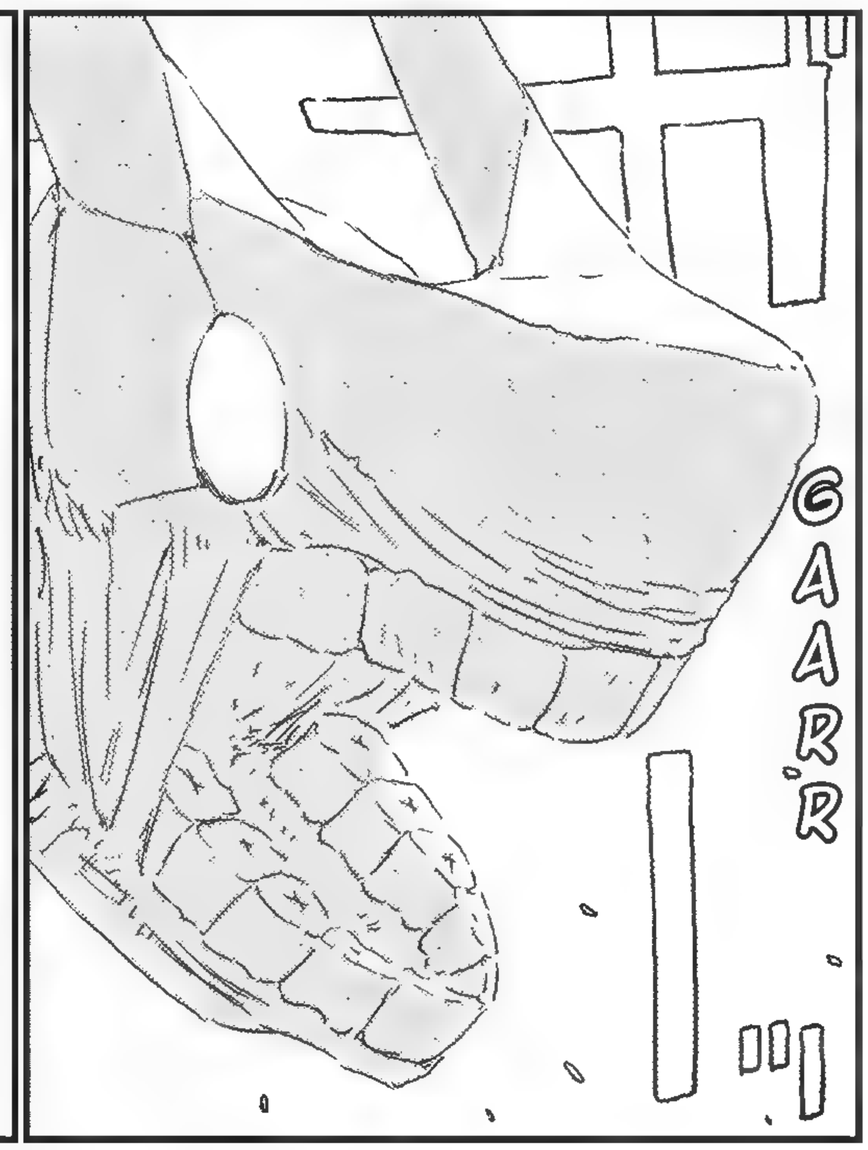
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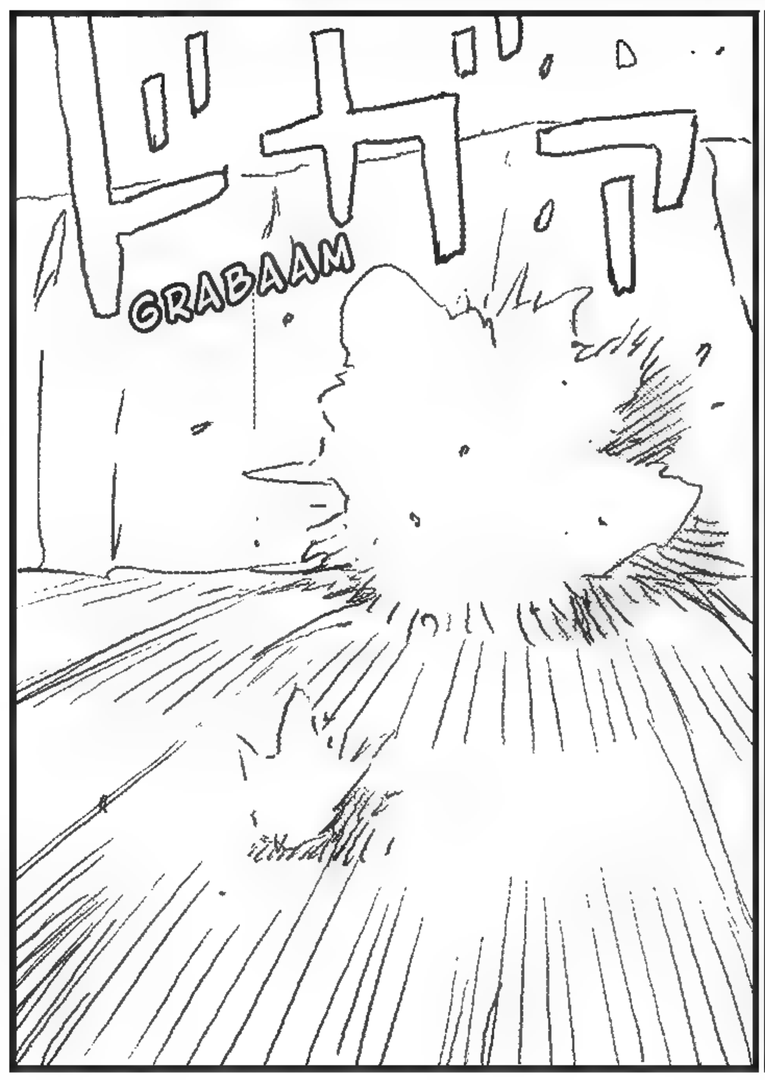
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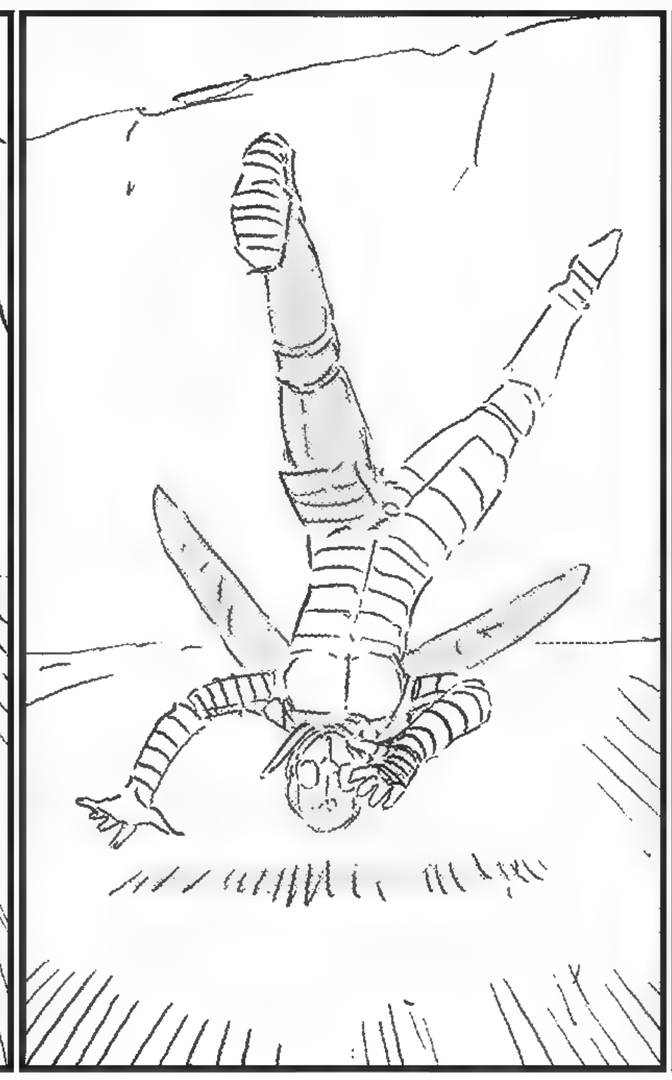

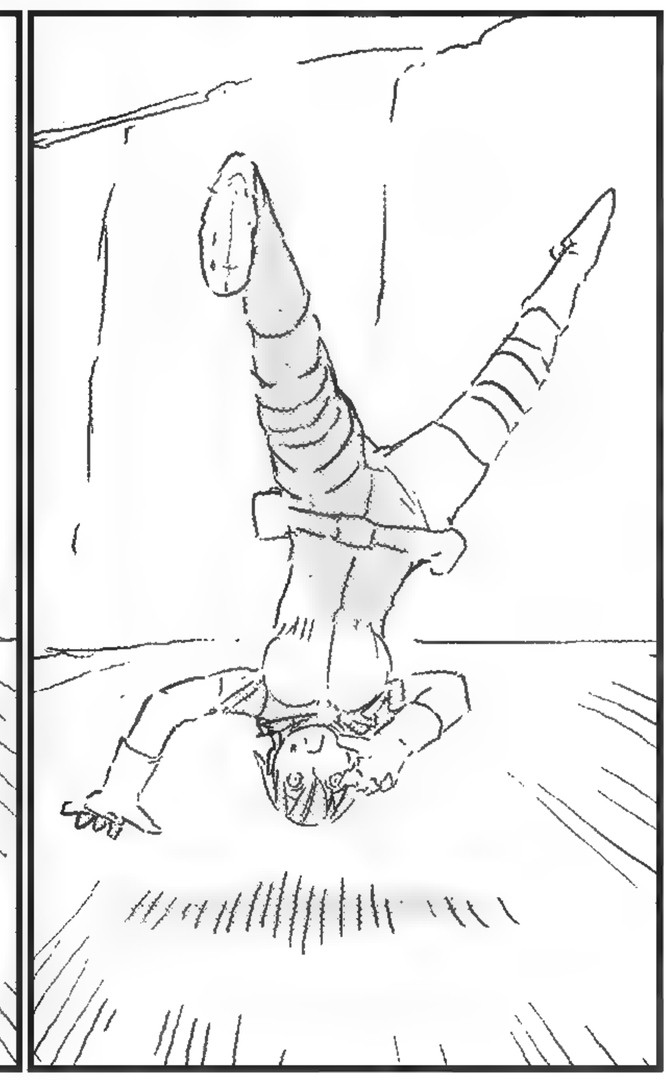

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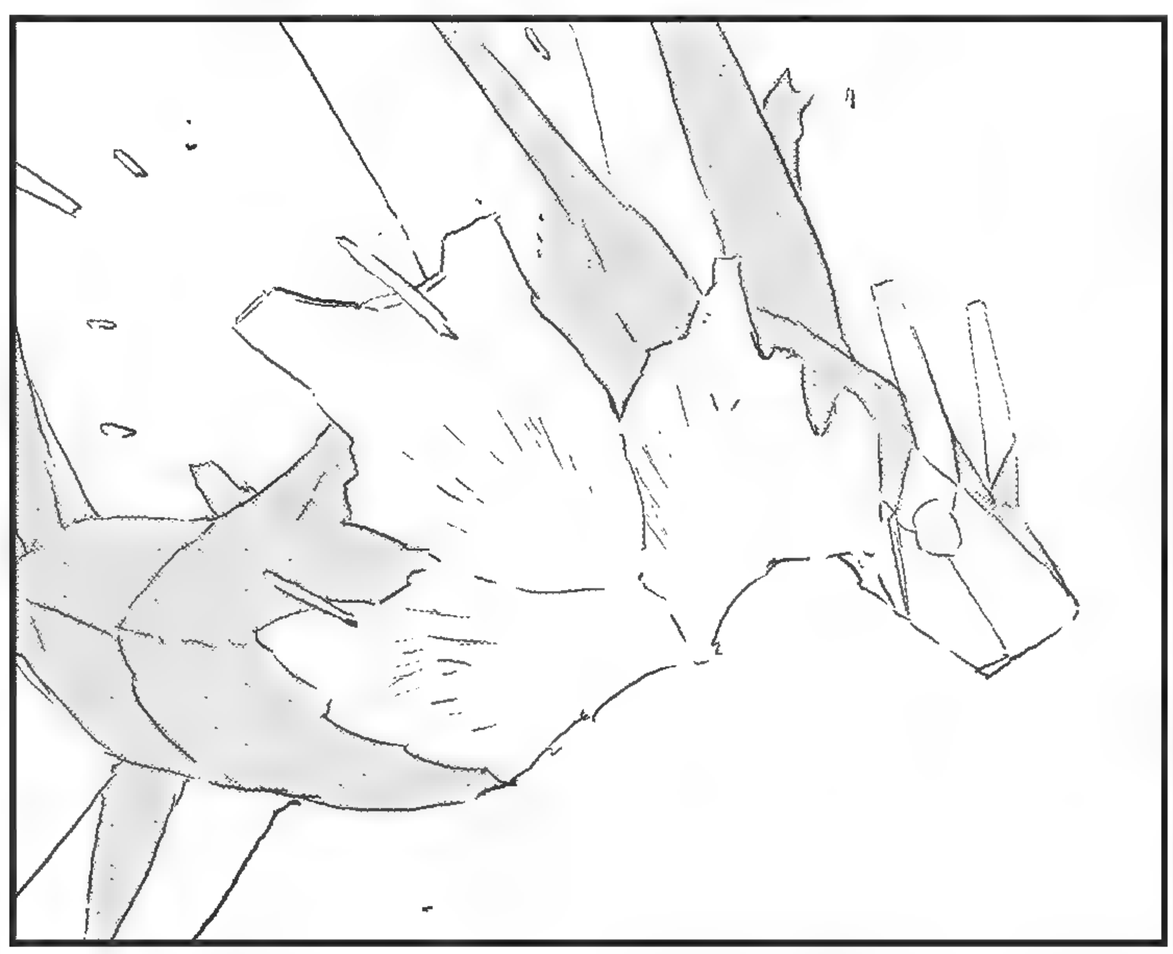

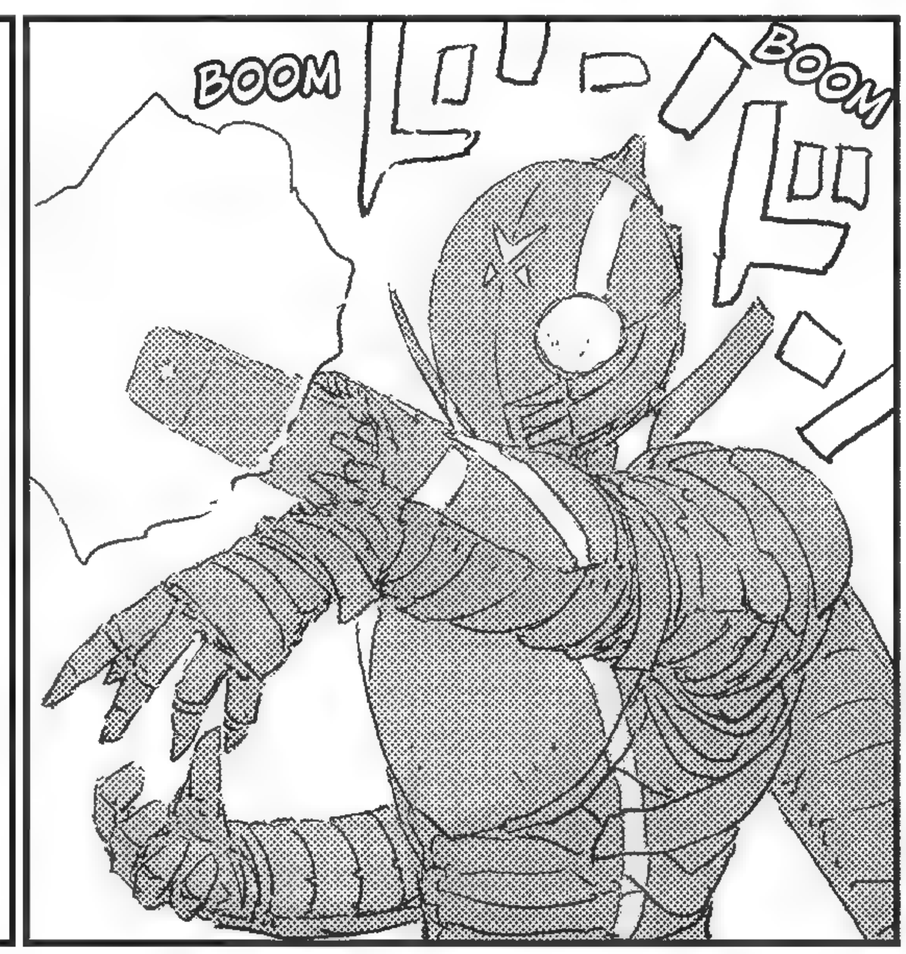
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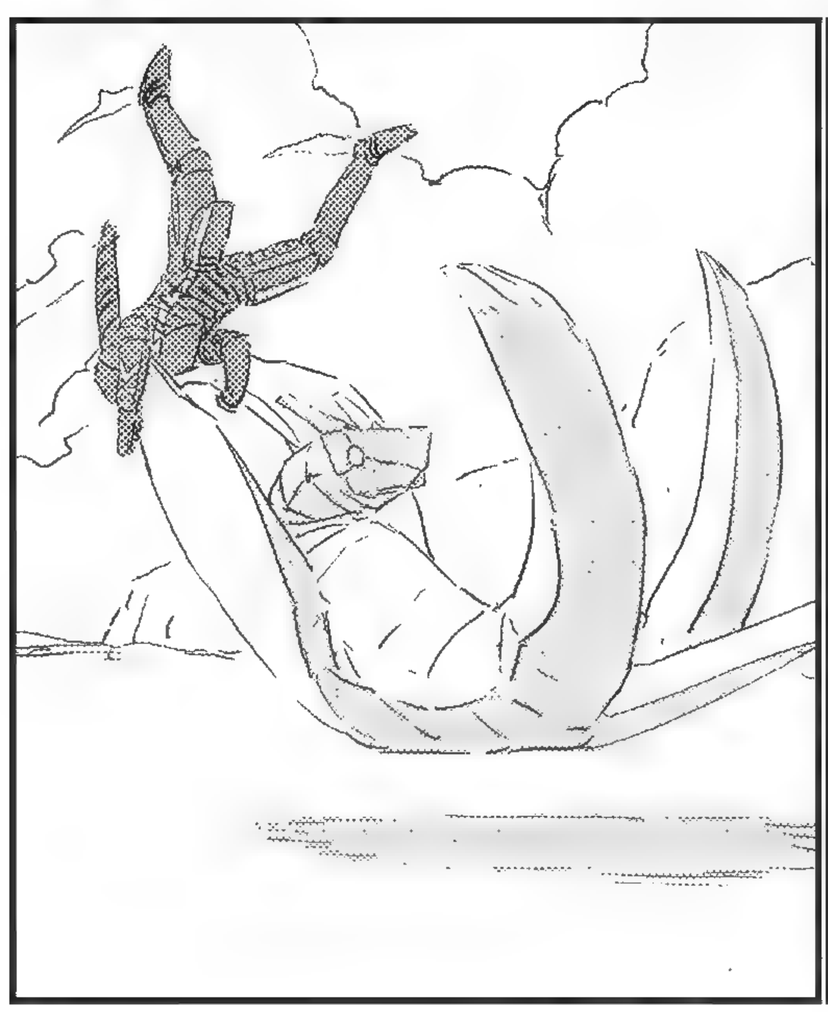

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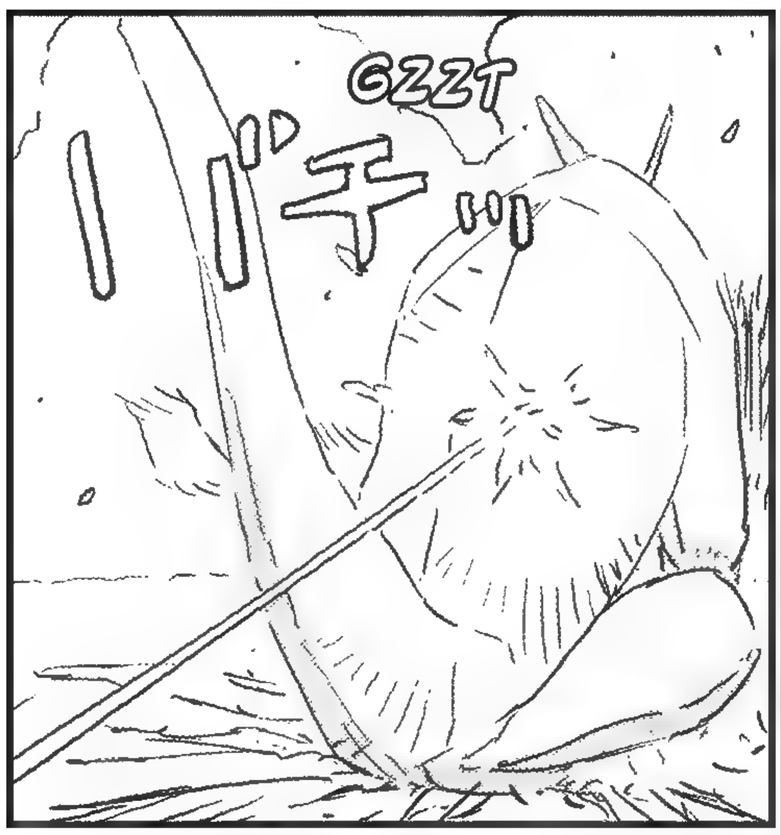
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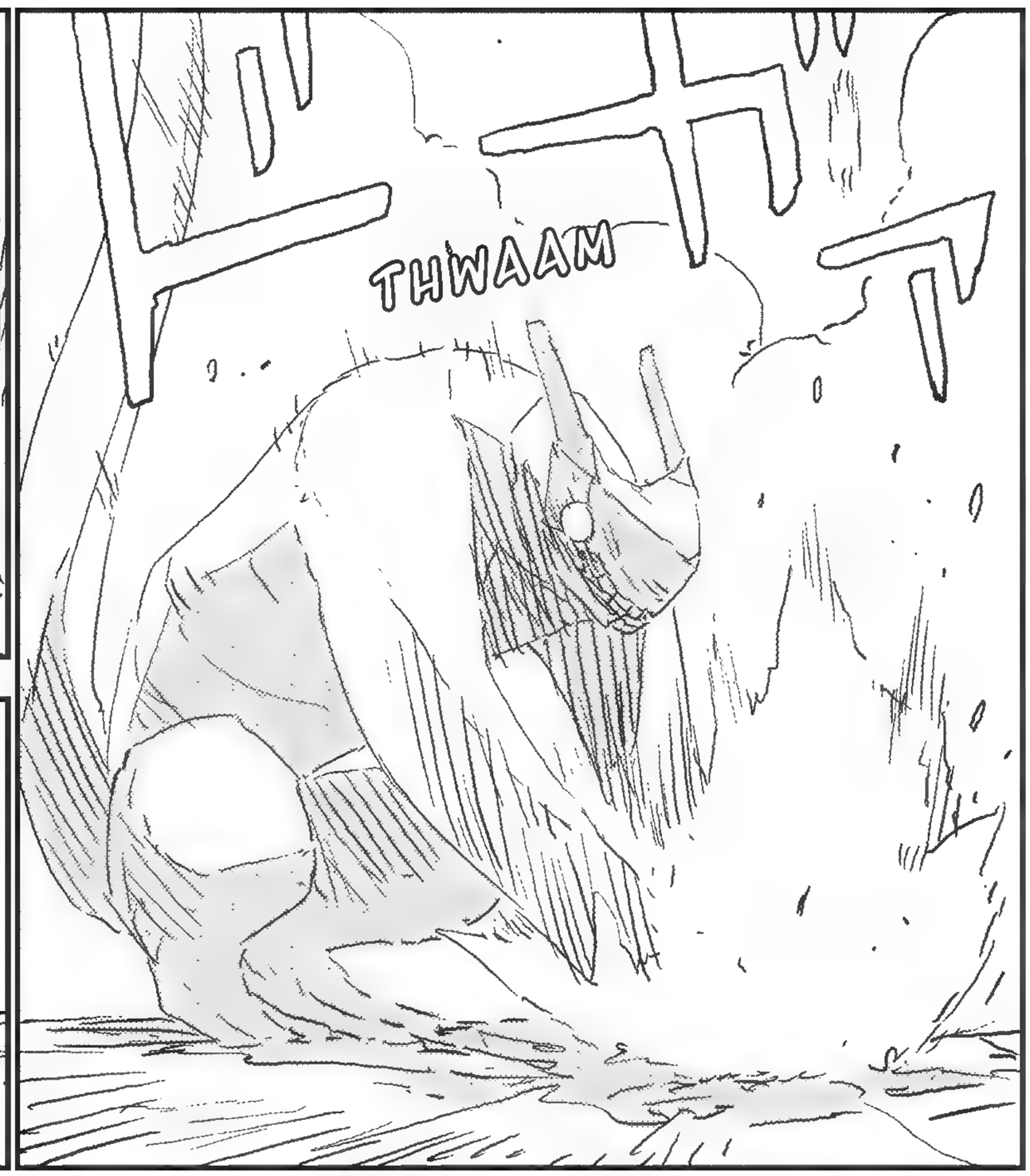
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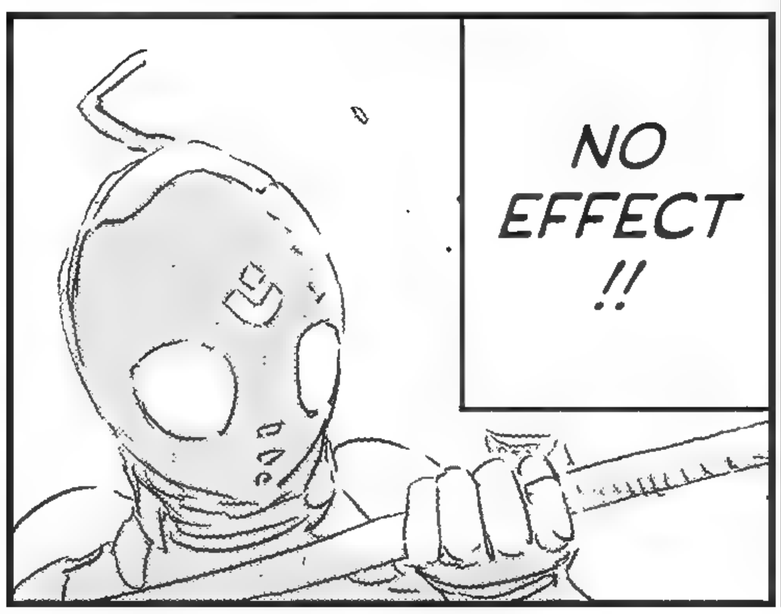
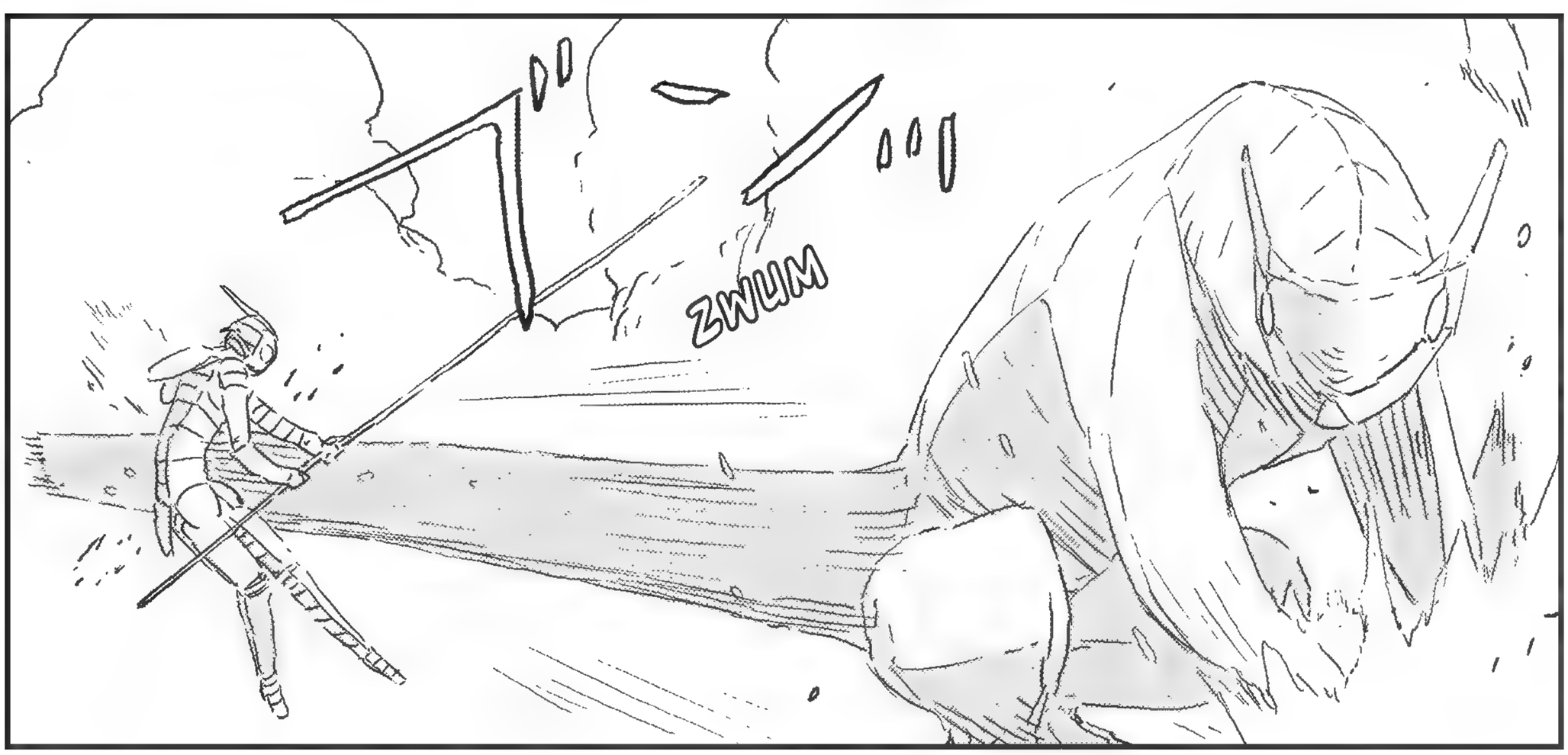

NO EFFECT !!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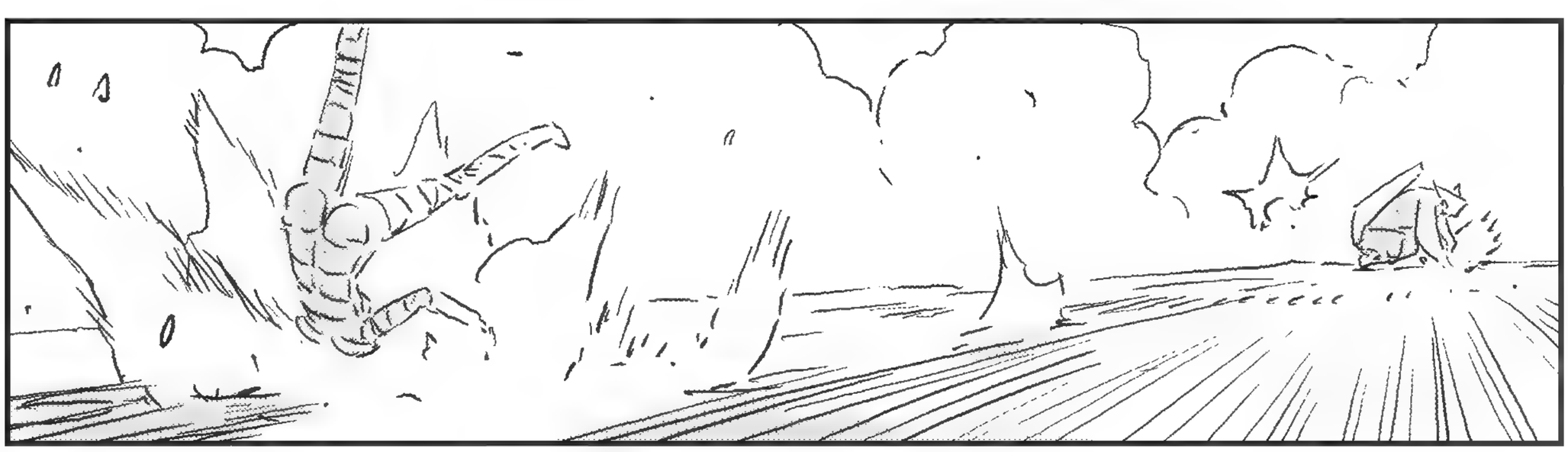

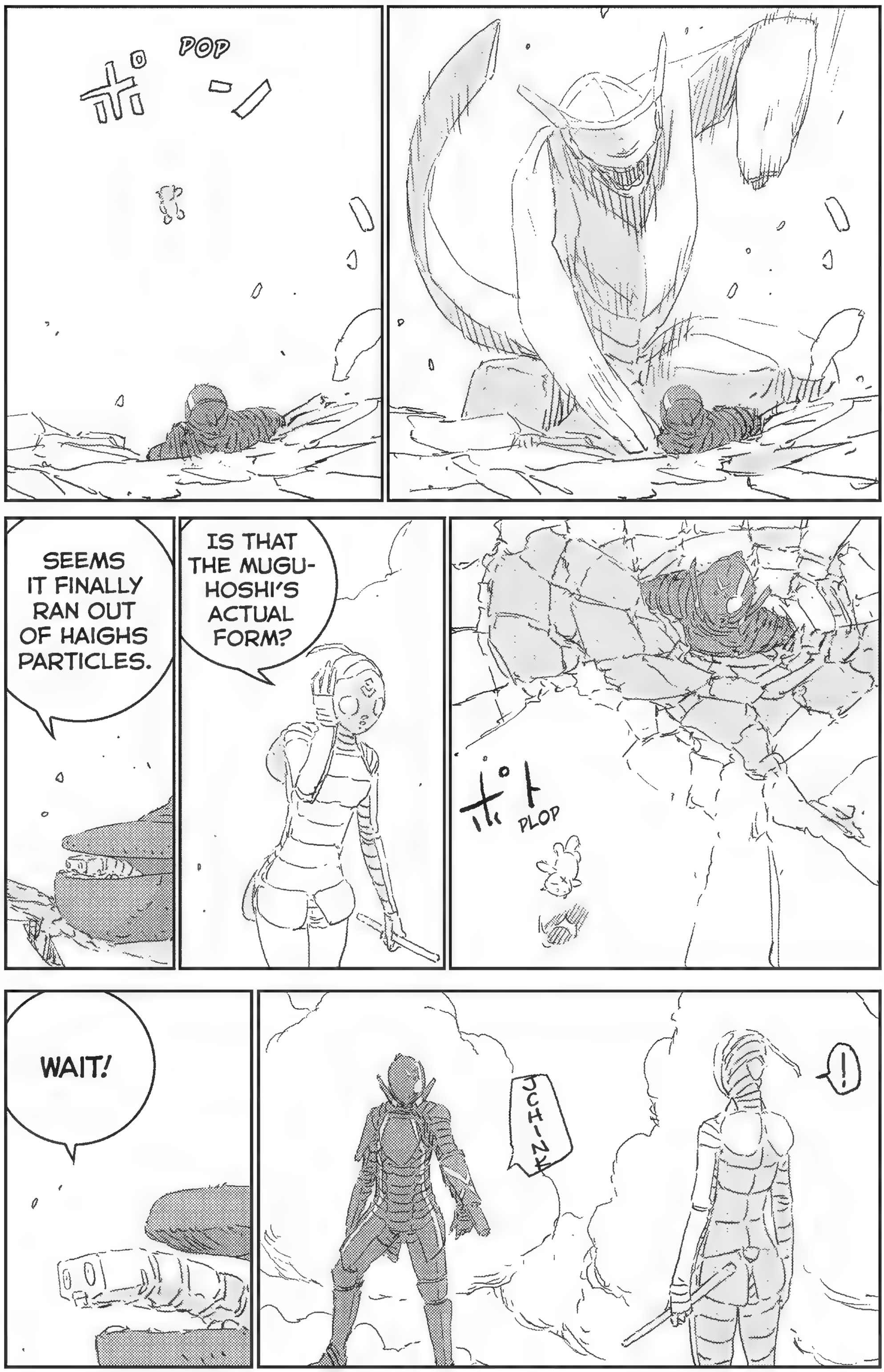
POP
SEEMS IT FINALLY RAN OUT OF HAIGHS PARTICLES.
IS THAT THE MUGU-HOSHI'S ACTUAL FORM?
PLOP
WAIT!
JCHIN
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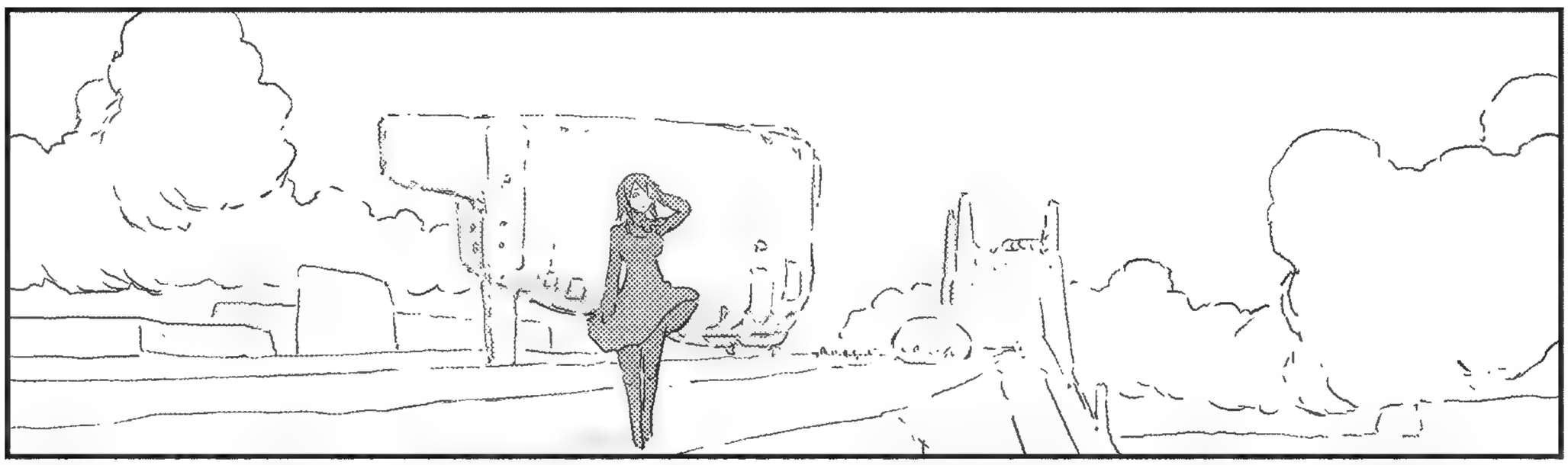
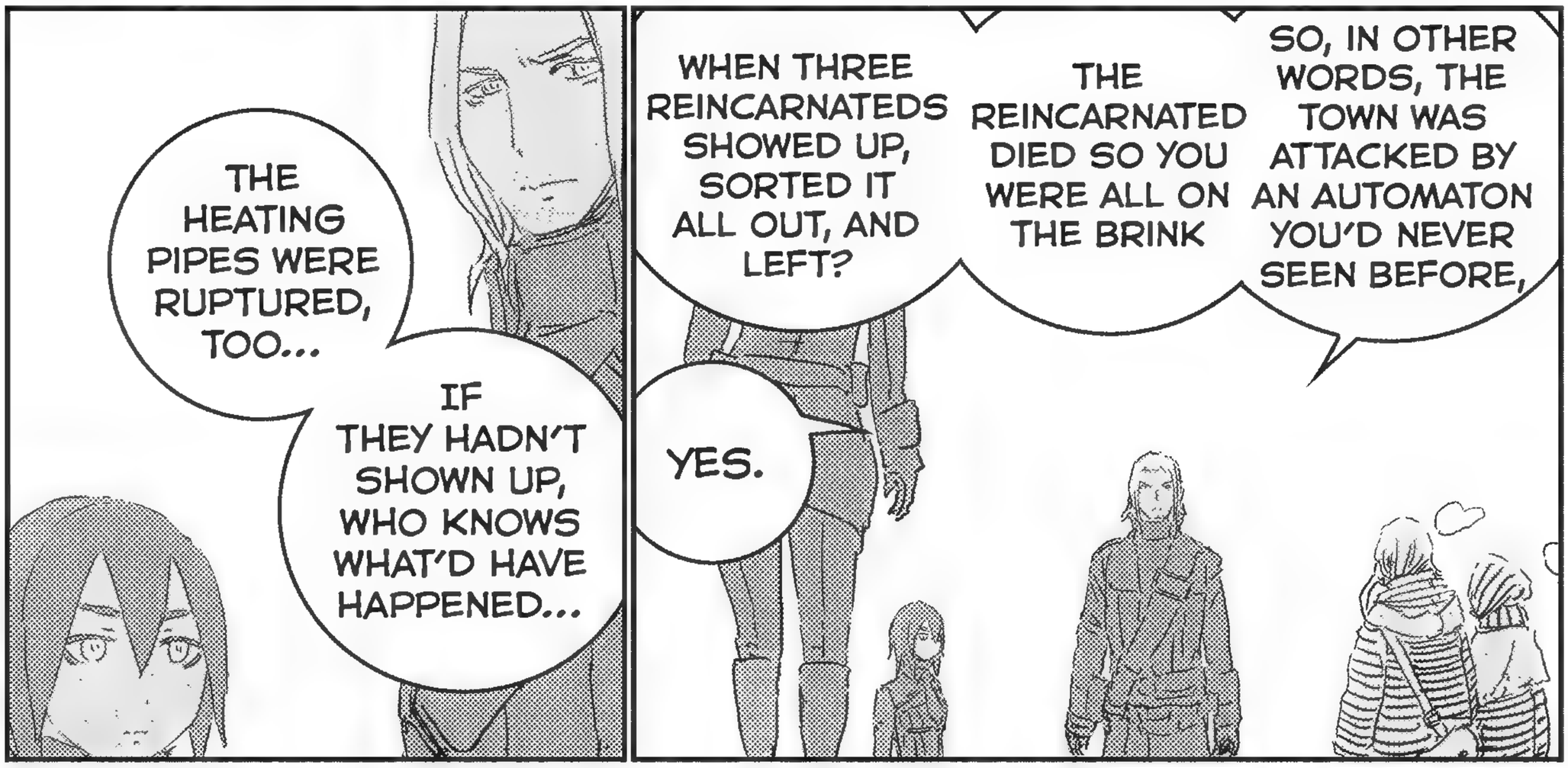
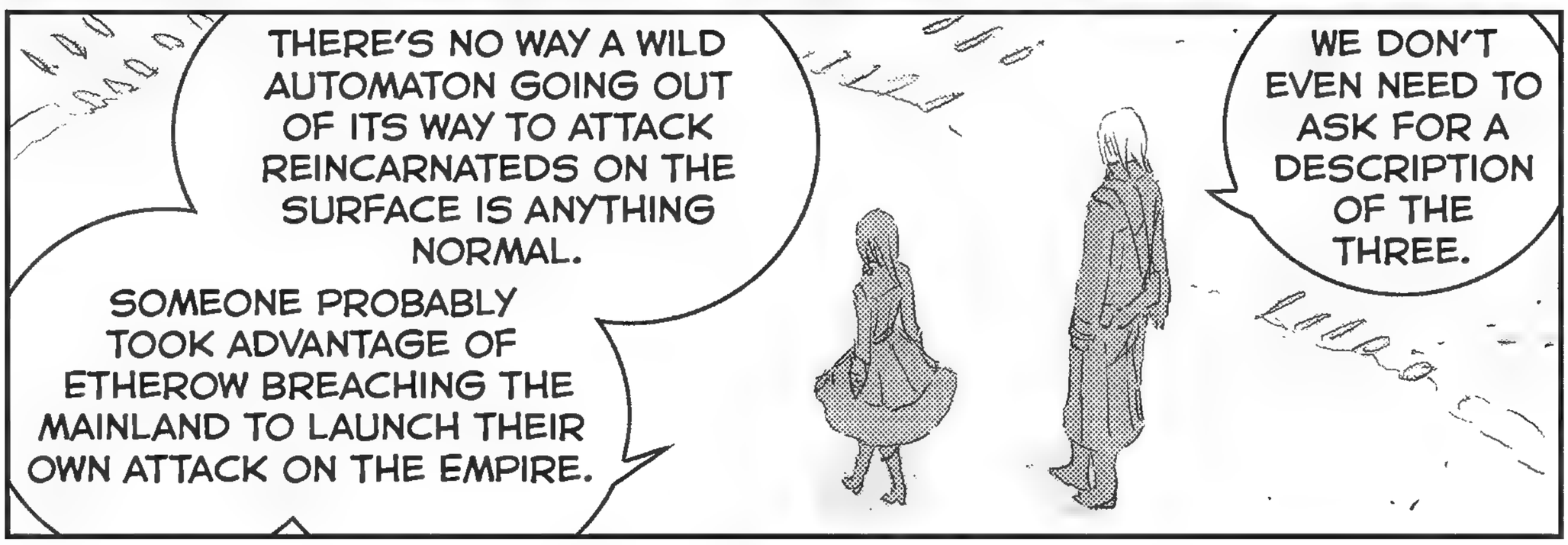
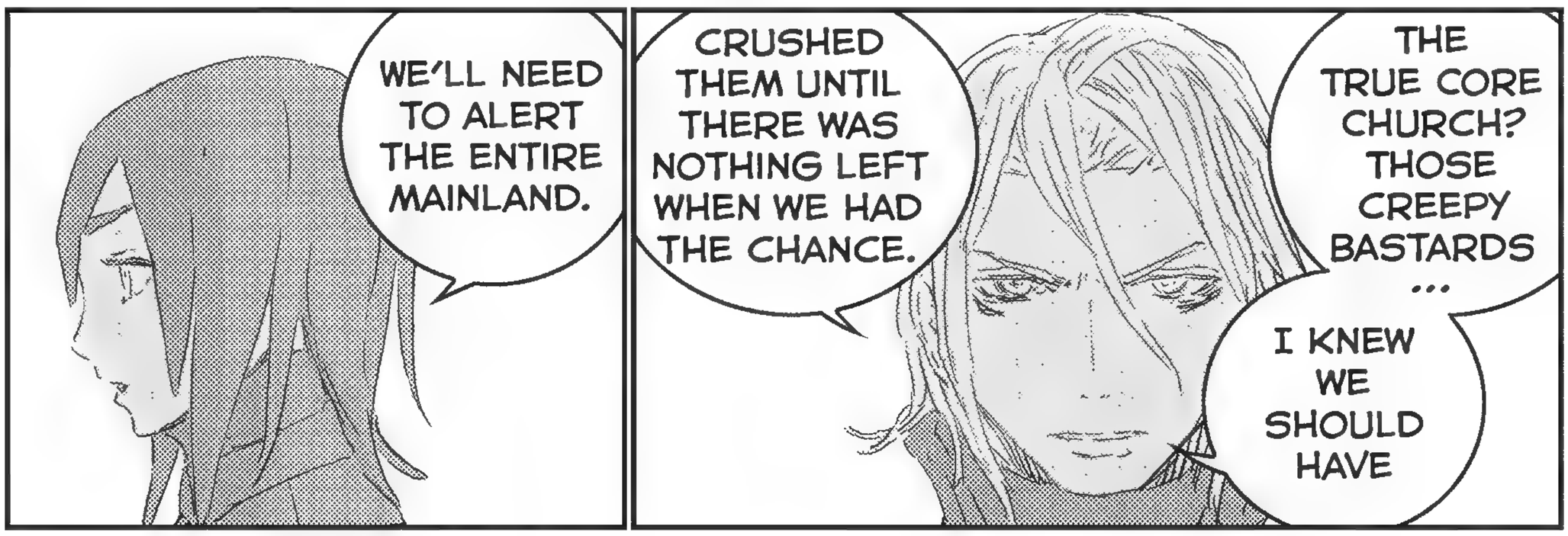
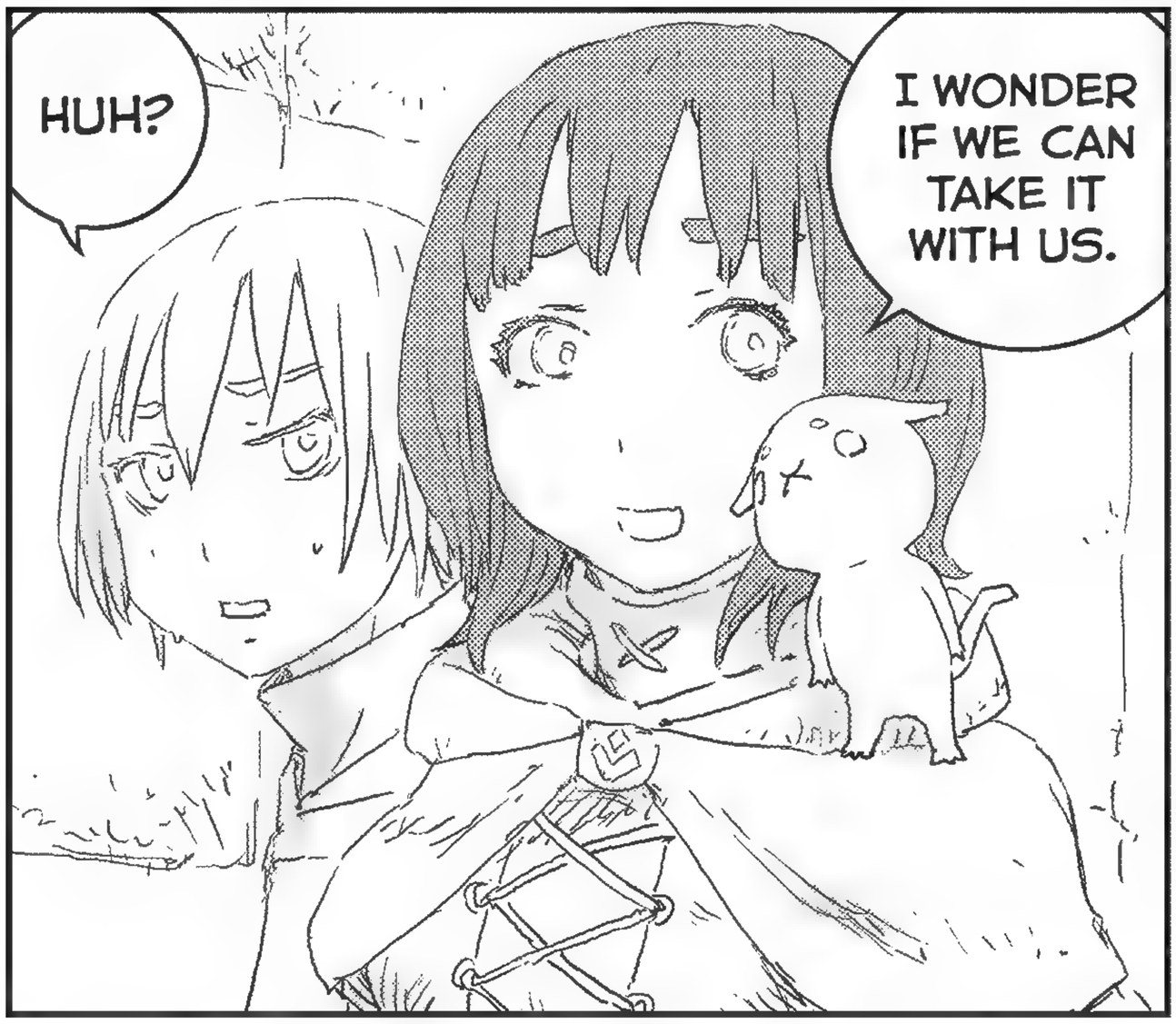
PTIK
THERE'S SOMETHING STUCK IN IT.
A FINGER ?!!
SWSH
SO WHAT ABOUT A FINGER? LET'S GO ALREADY!

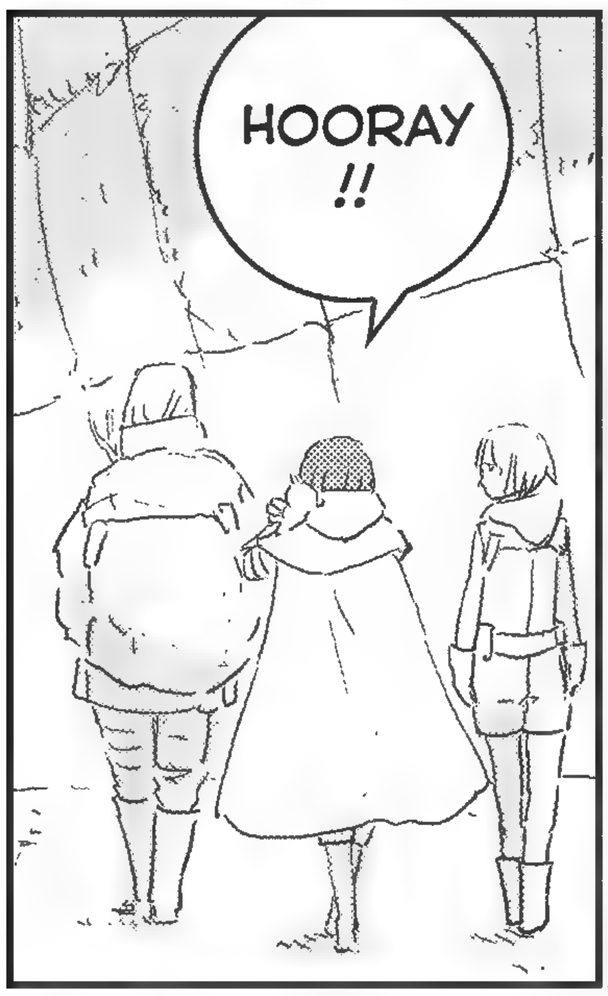


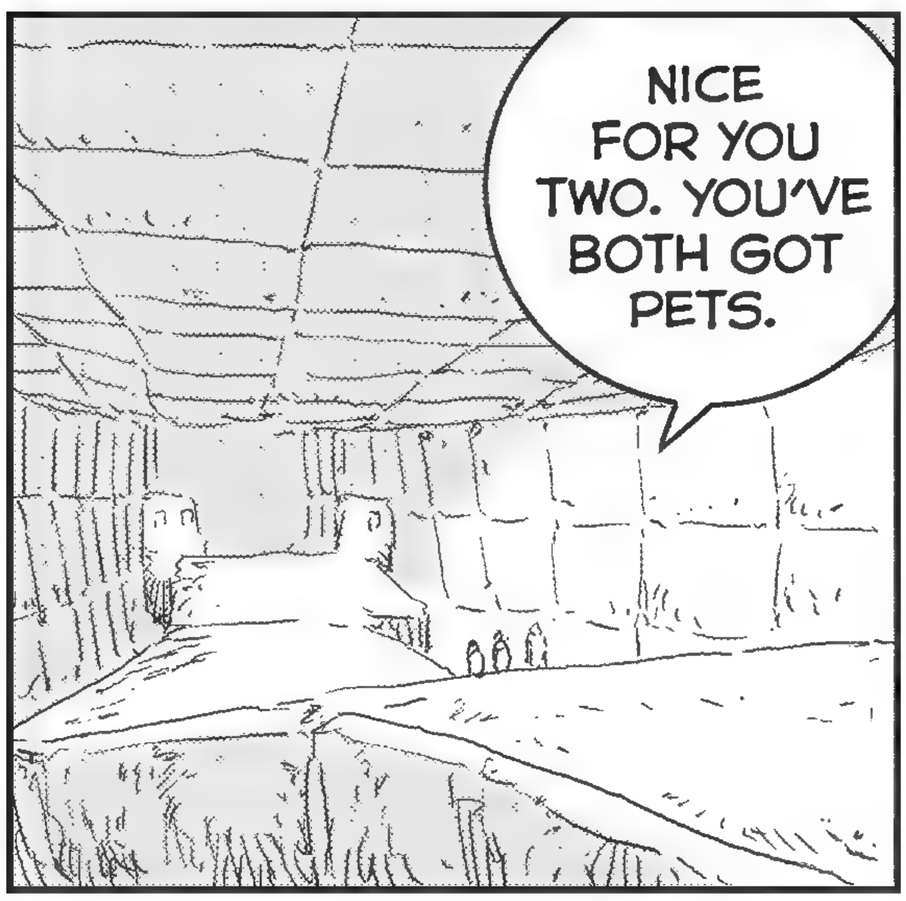

THE HEATING PIPES WERE RUPTURED, TOO...
IF THEY HADN'T SHOWN UP, WHO KNOWS WHAT'D HAVE HAPPENED...
WHEN THREE REINCARNATEDS SHOWED UP, SORTED IT ALL OUT, AND LEFT?
THE REINCARNATED DIED SO YOU WERE ALL ON THE BRINK
SO, IN OTHER WORDS, THE TOWN WAS ATTACKED BY AN AUTOMATON YOU'D NEVER SEEN BEFORE,
YES.

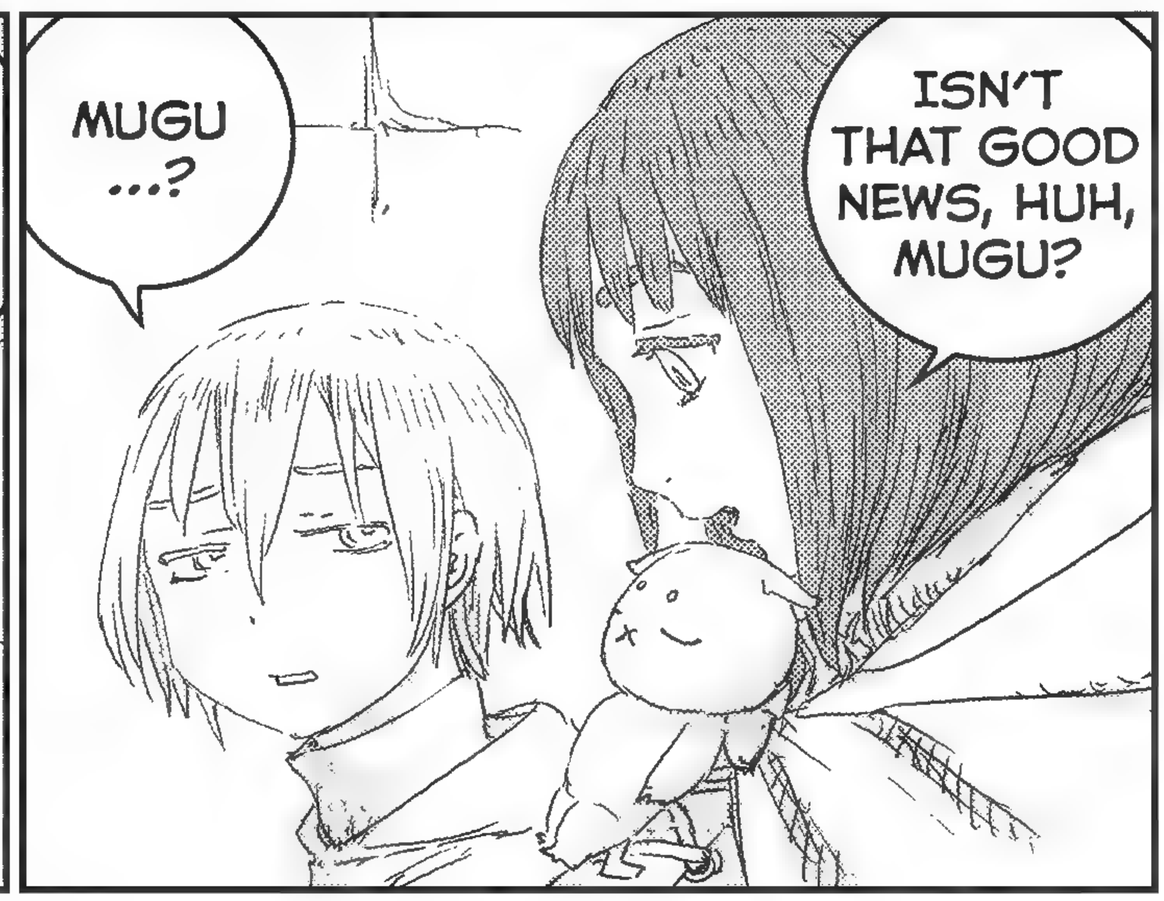

THERE'S NO WAY A WILD AUTOMATON GOING OUT OF ITS WAY TO ATTACK REINCARNATEDS ON THE SURFACE IS ANYTHING NORMAL.
SOMEONE PROBABLY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF ETHEROW BREACHING THE MAINLAND TO LAUNCH THEIR OWN ATTACK ON THE EMPIRE.
WE DON'T EVEN NEED TO ASK FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE THREE.


WE'LL NEED TO ALERT THE ENTIRE MAINLAND.
CRUSHED THEM UNTIL THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT WHEN WE HAD THE CHANCE.
THE TRUE CORE CHURCH? THOSE CREEPY BASTARDS ...
I KNEW WE SHOULD HAVE









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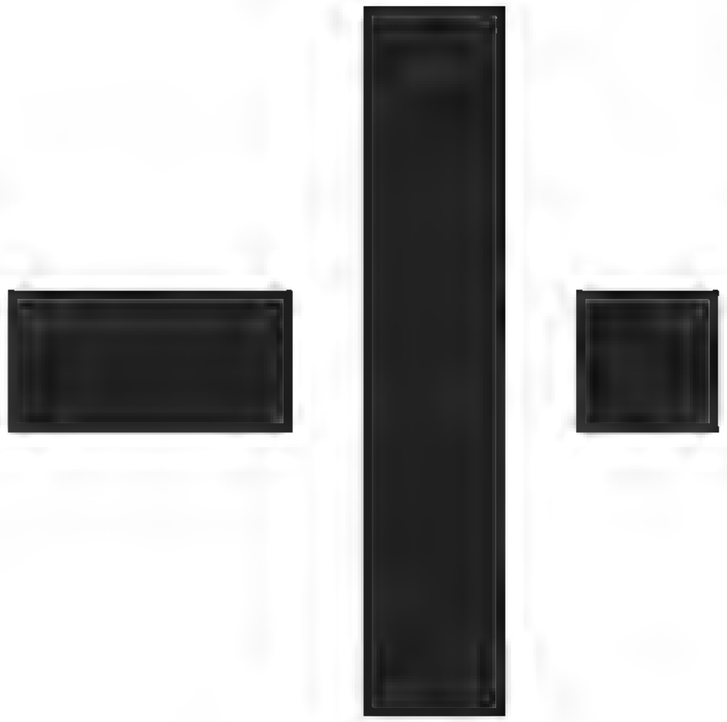

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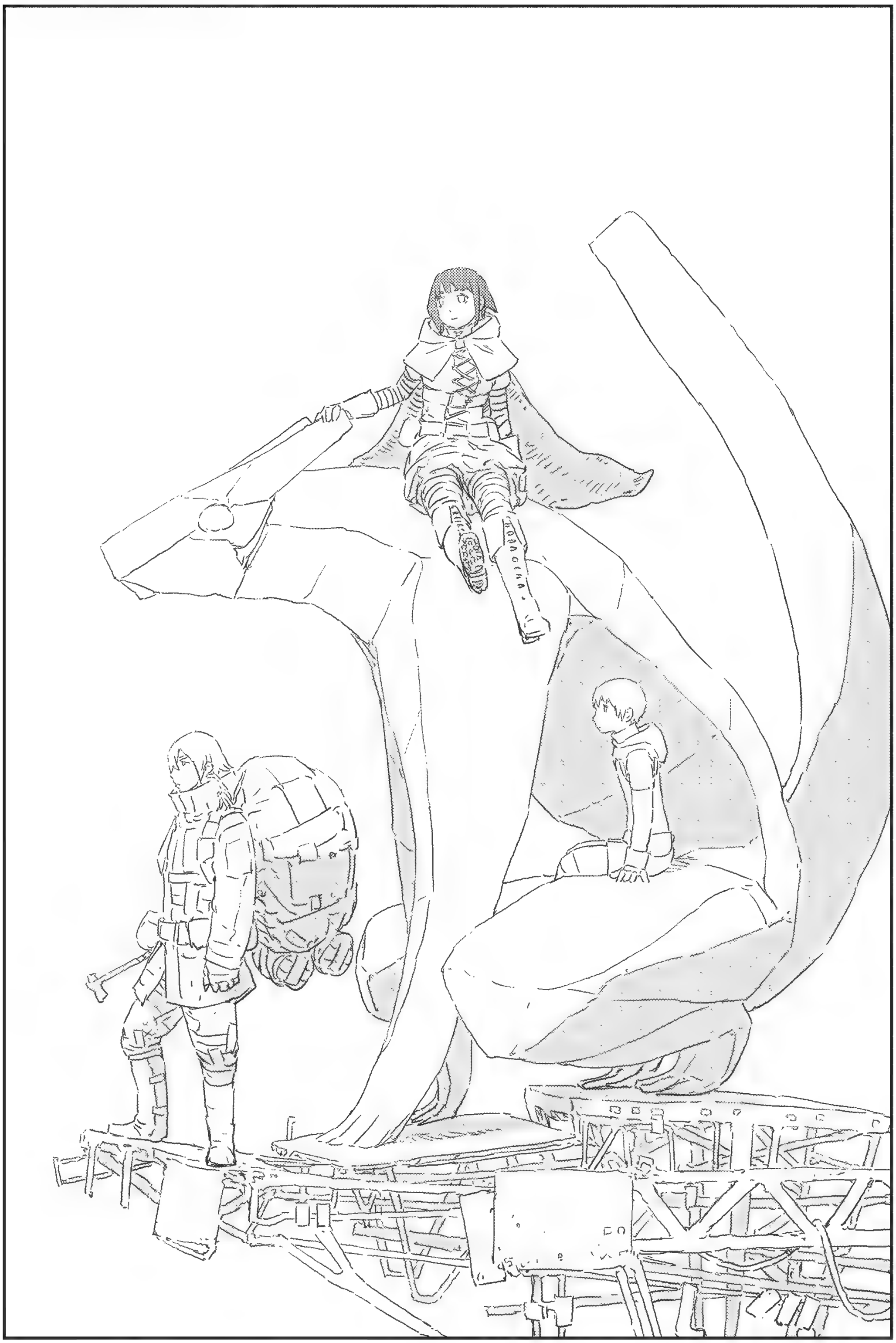
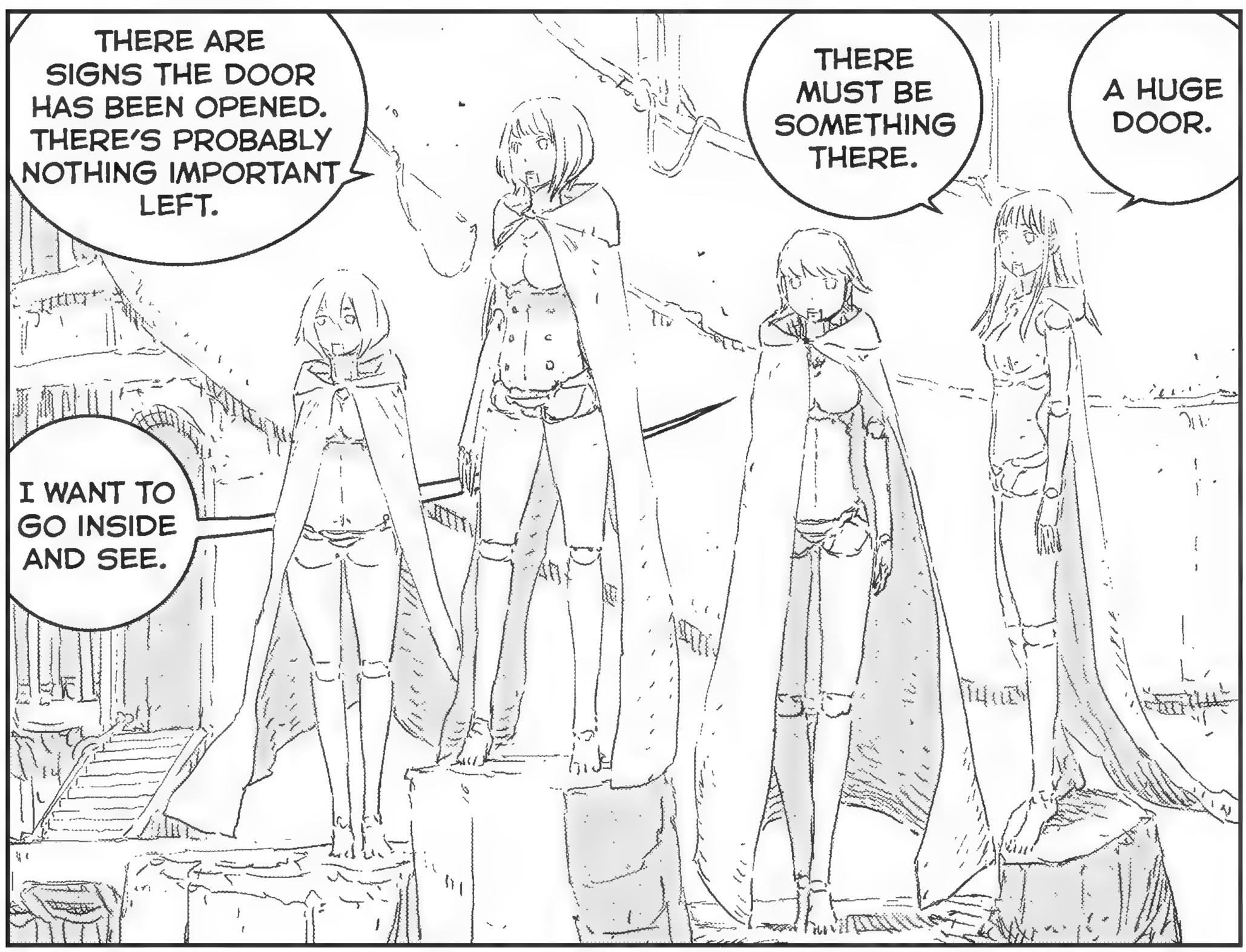
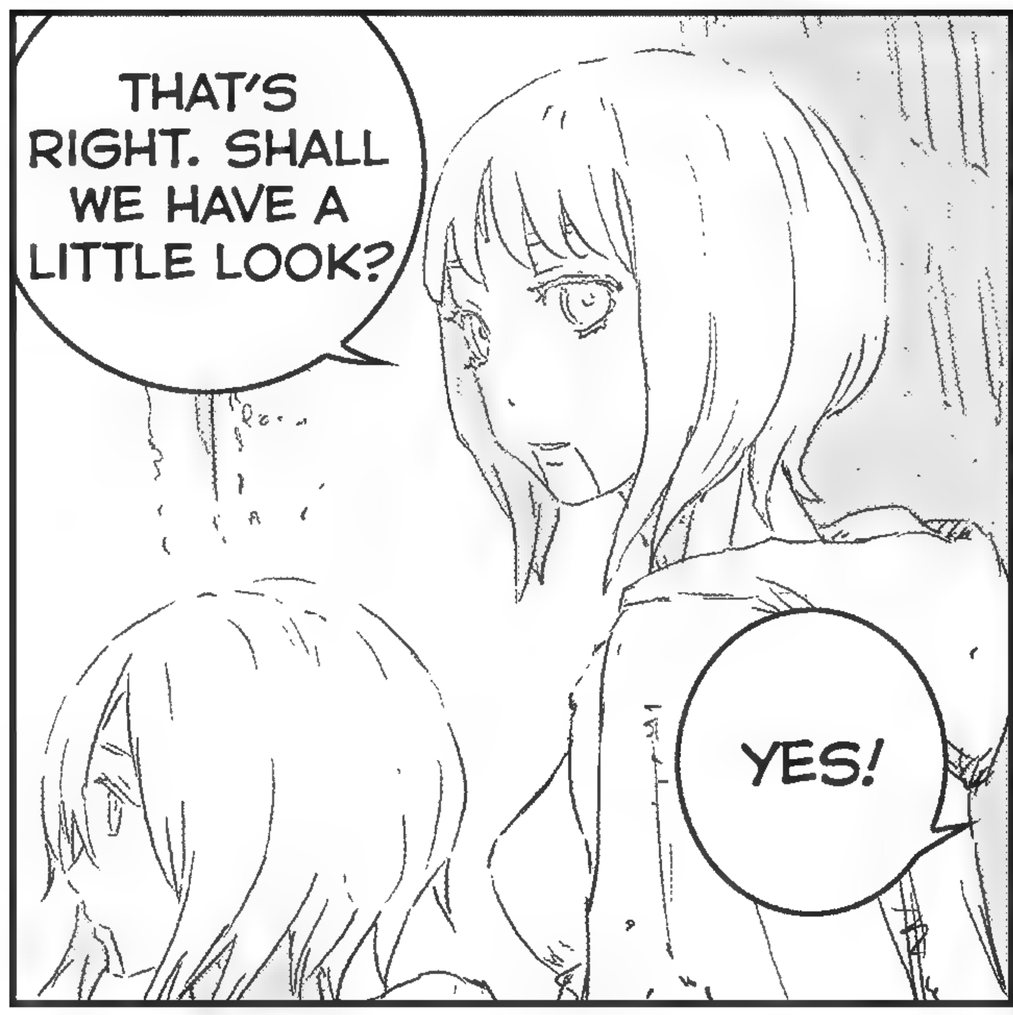
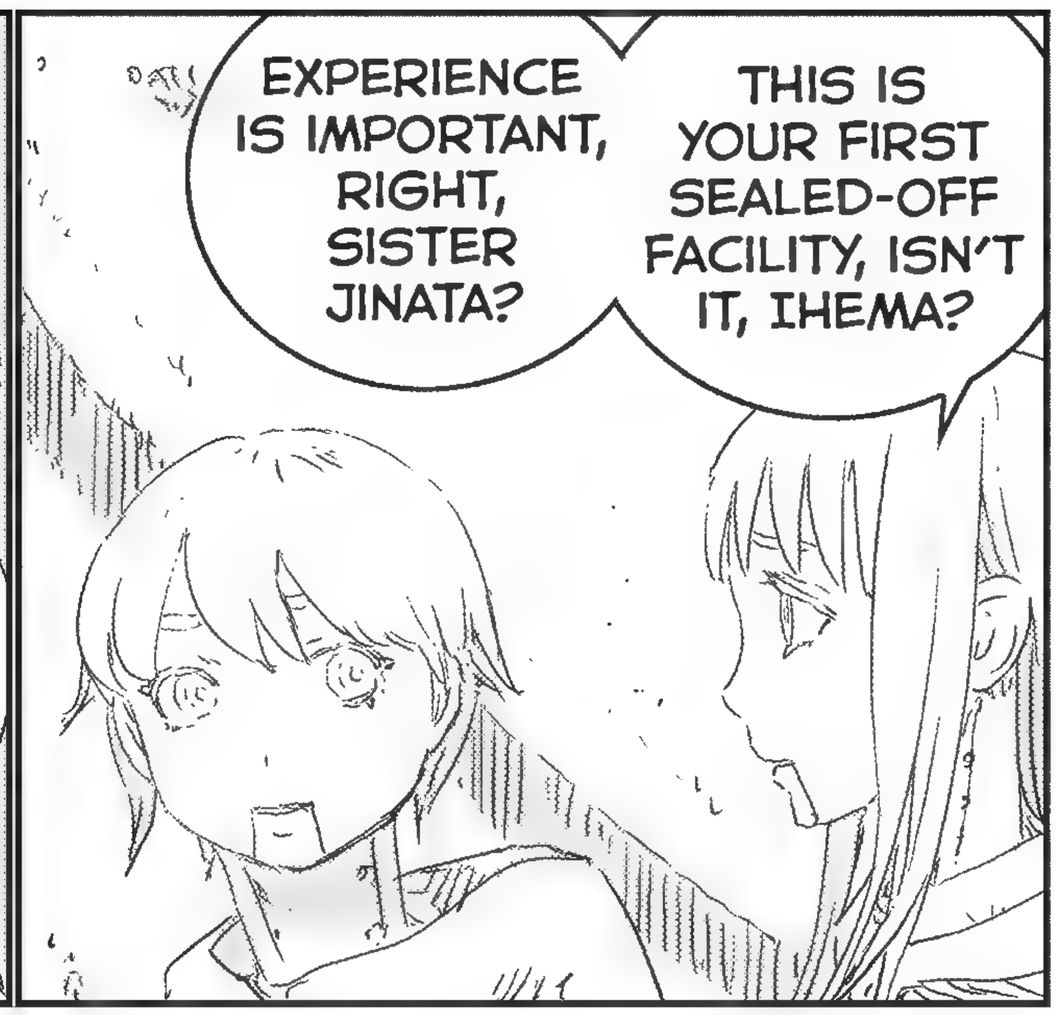
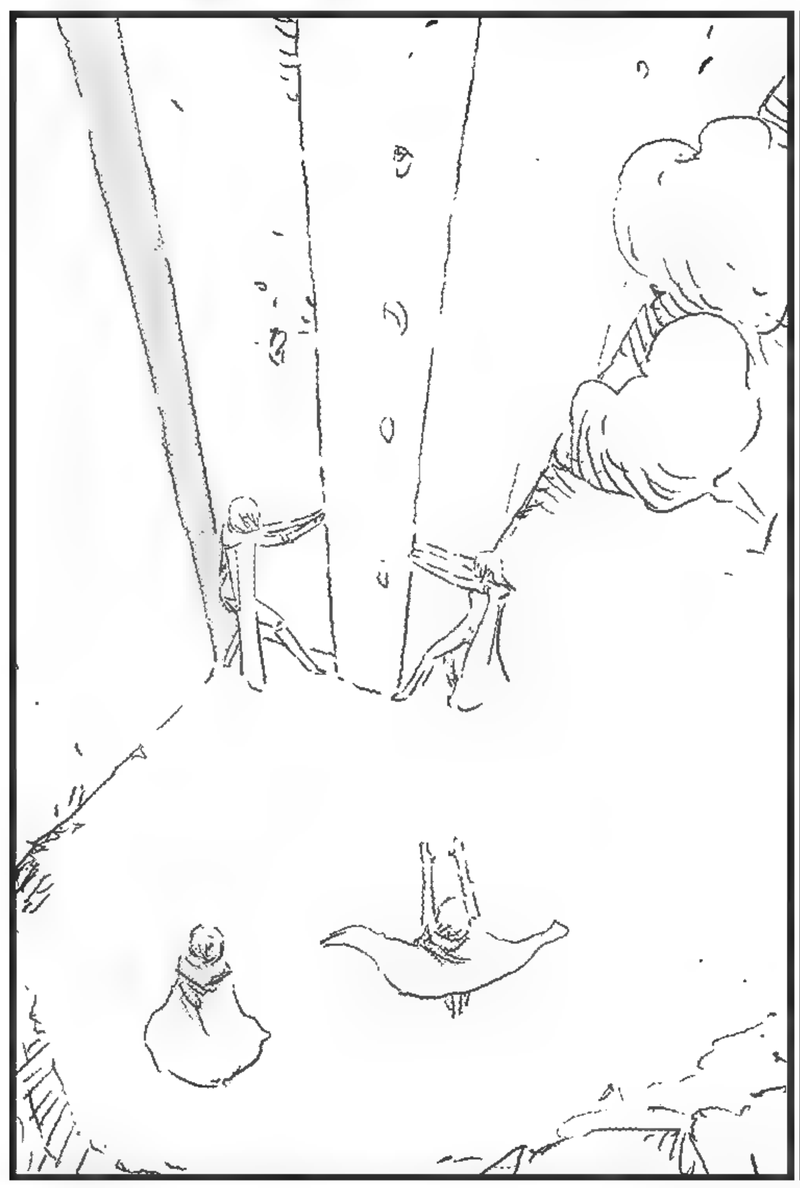


NORTHERN COMPOSITE SLAB REGION, RUINS LAYER DEPTHS

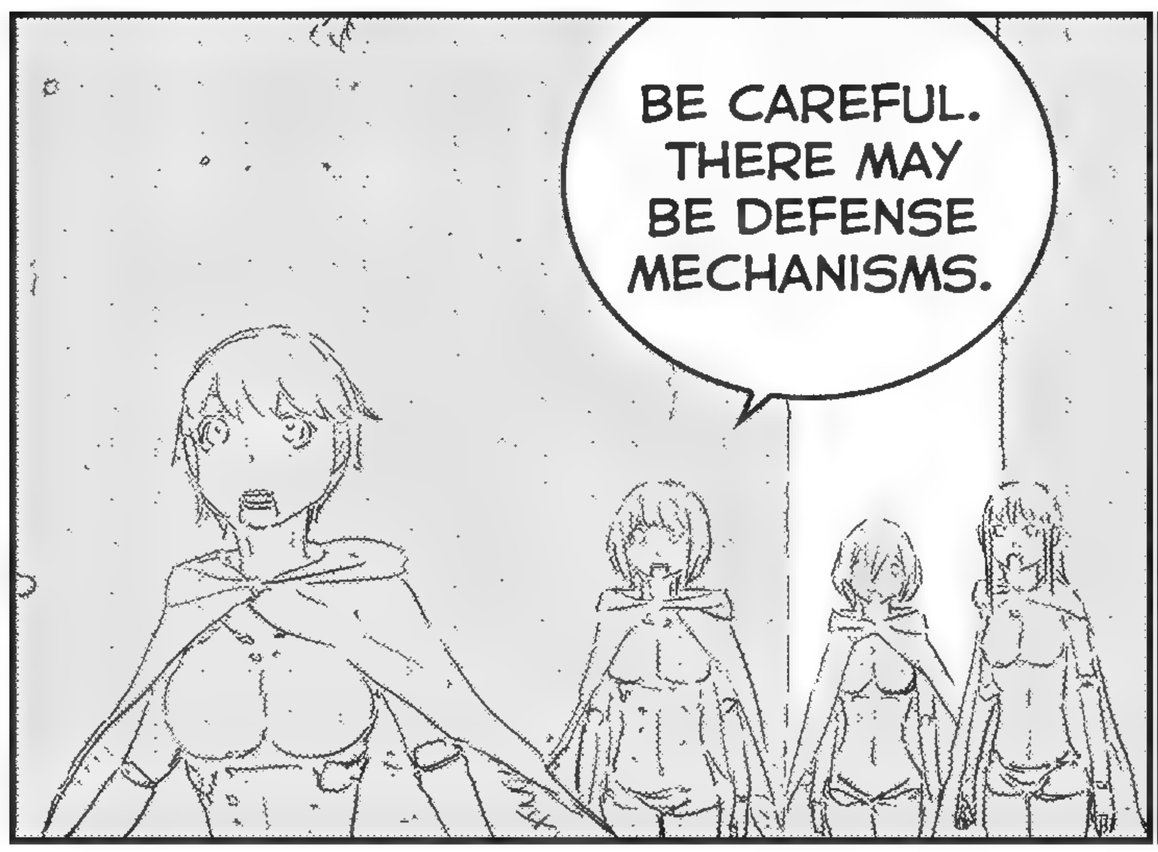

THERE ARE SIGNS THE DOOR HAS BEEN OPENED. THERE'S PROBABLY NOTHING IMPORTANT LEFT.
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING THERE.
A HUGE DOOR.
I WANT TO GO INSIDE AND SEE.

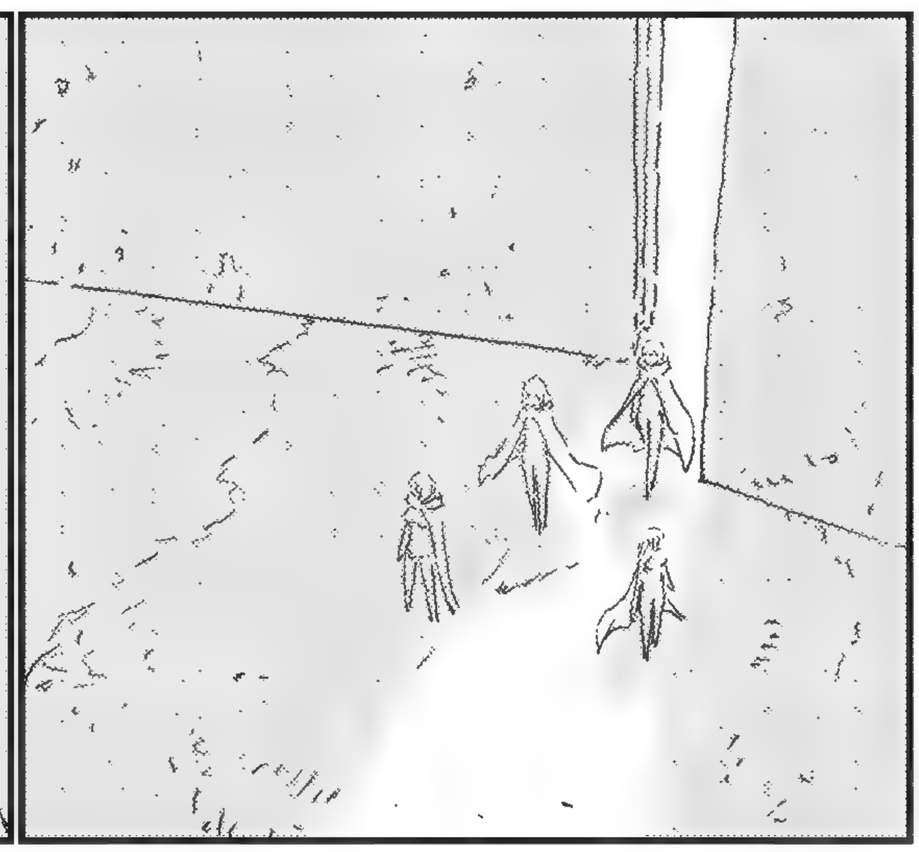

THAT'S RIGHT. SHALL WE HAVE A LITTLE LOOK?
YES!

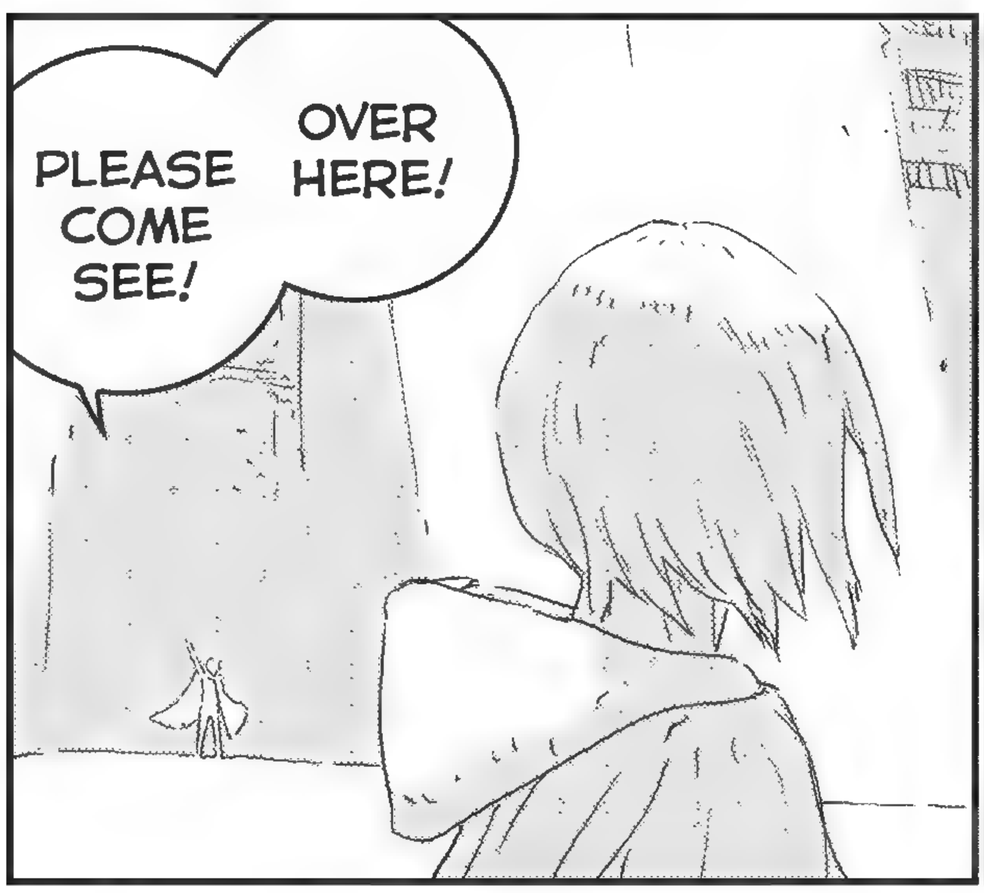

EXPERIENCE IS IMPORTANT, RIGHT, SISTER JINATA?
THIS IS YOUR FIRST SEALED-OFF FACILITY, ISN'T IT, IHEMA?

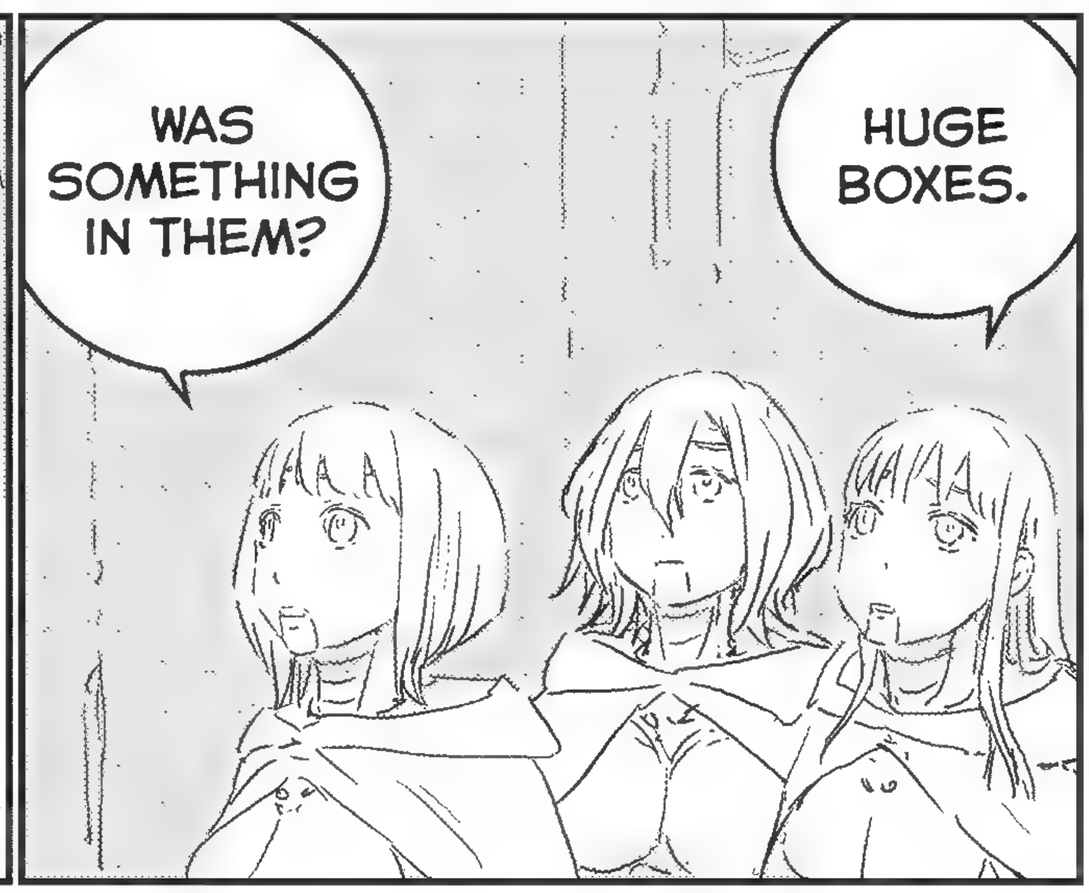


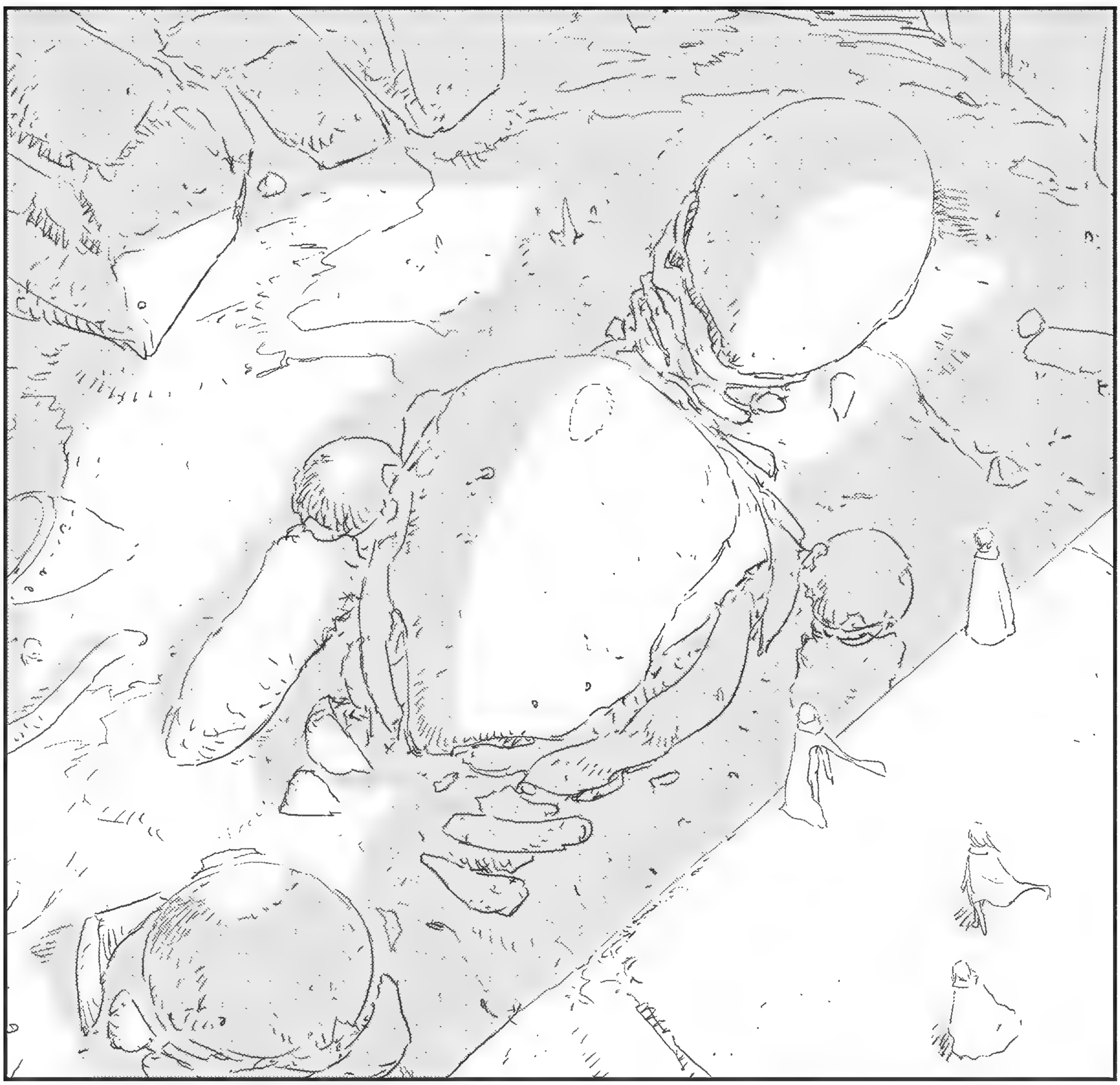
ZMM
ZMM
READY, AND...!
ZMM

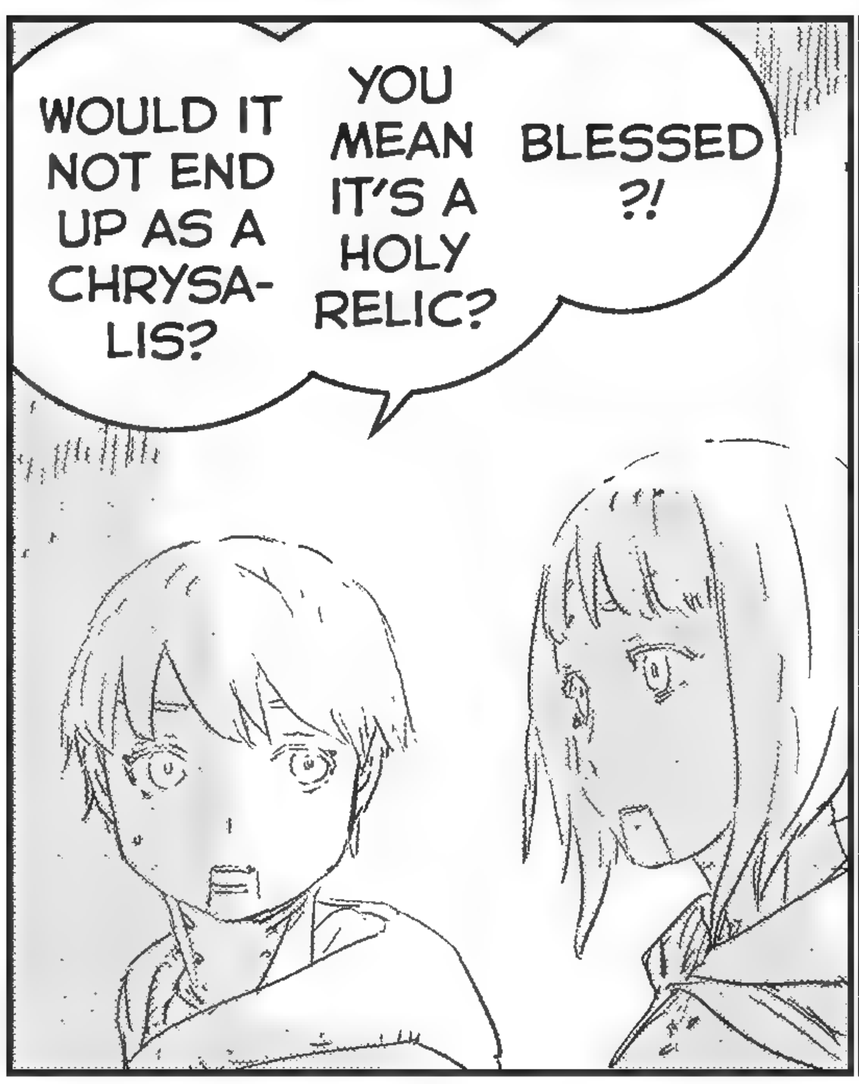

BE CAREFUL. THERE MAY BE DEFENSE MECHANISMS.

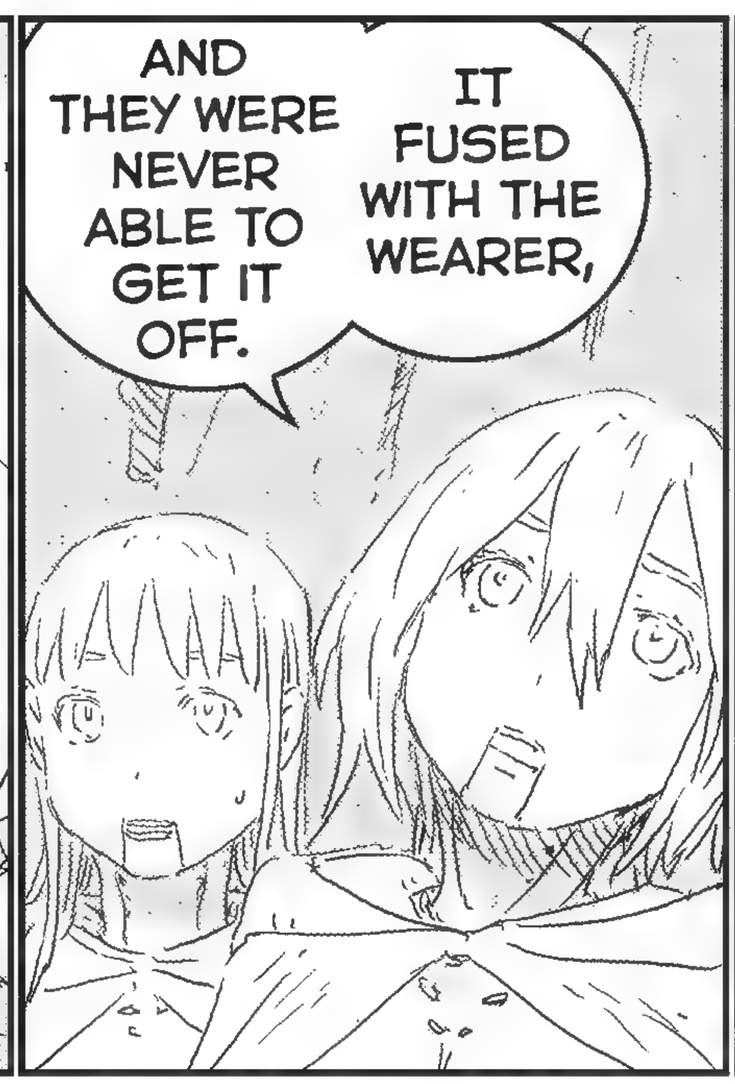


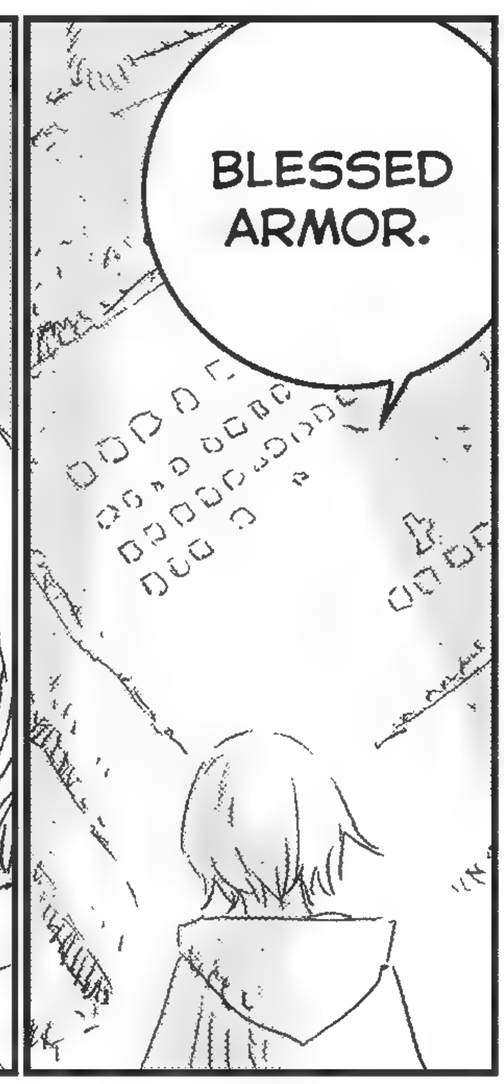

PLEASE COME SEE!
OVER HERE!

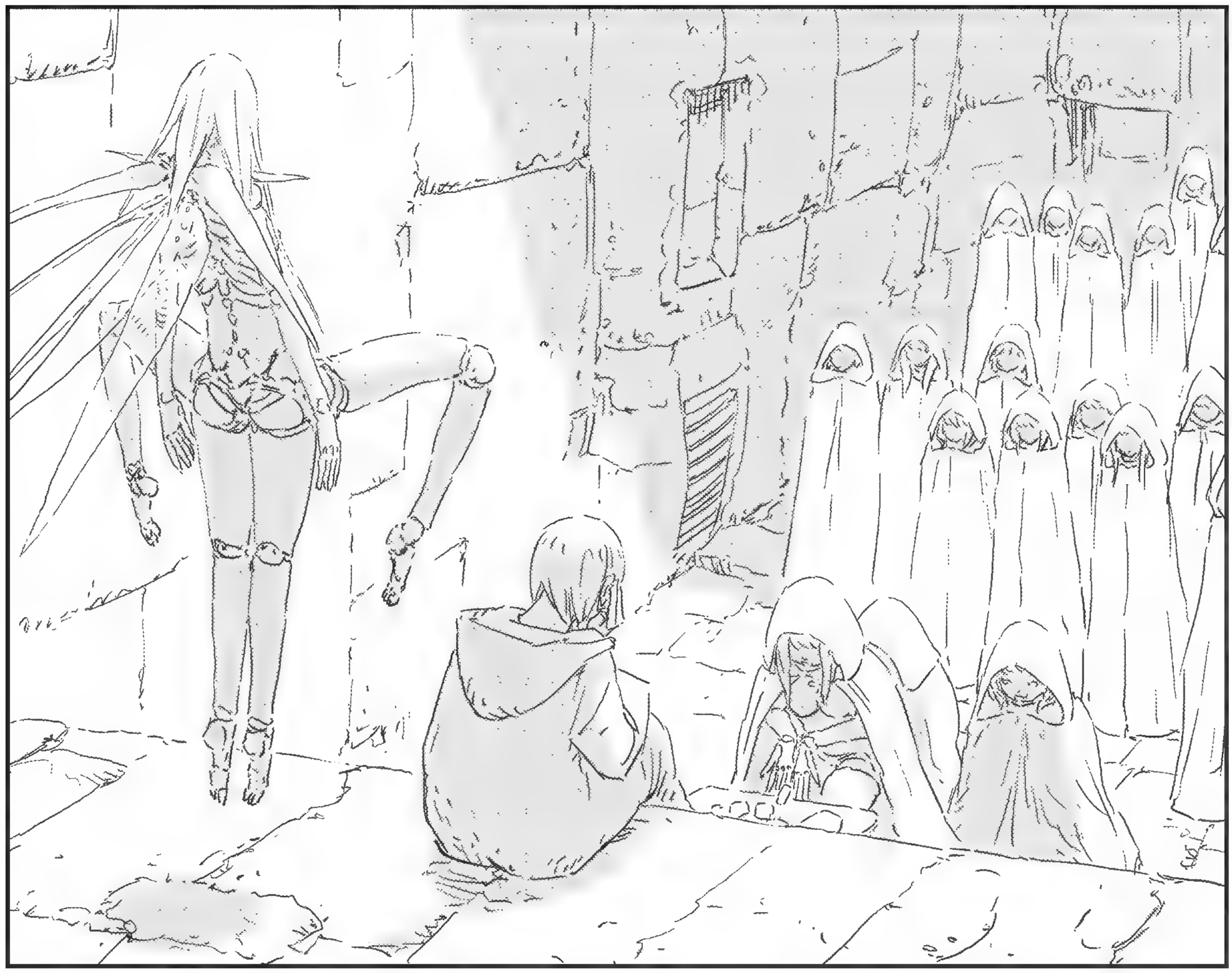

WAS SOMETHING IN THEM?
HUGE BOXES.

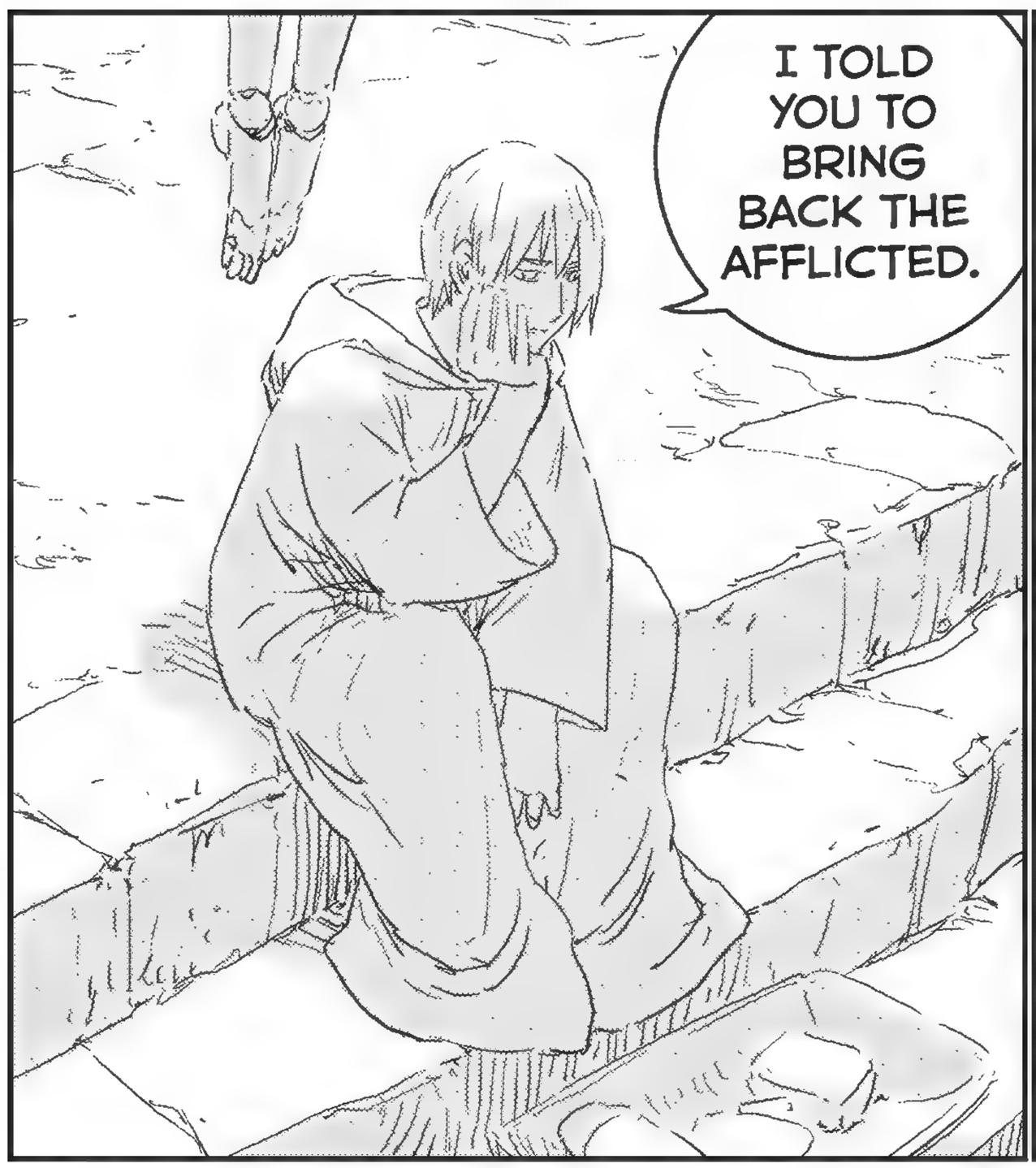


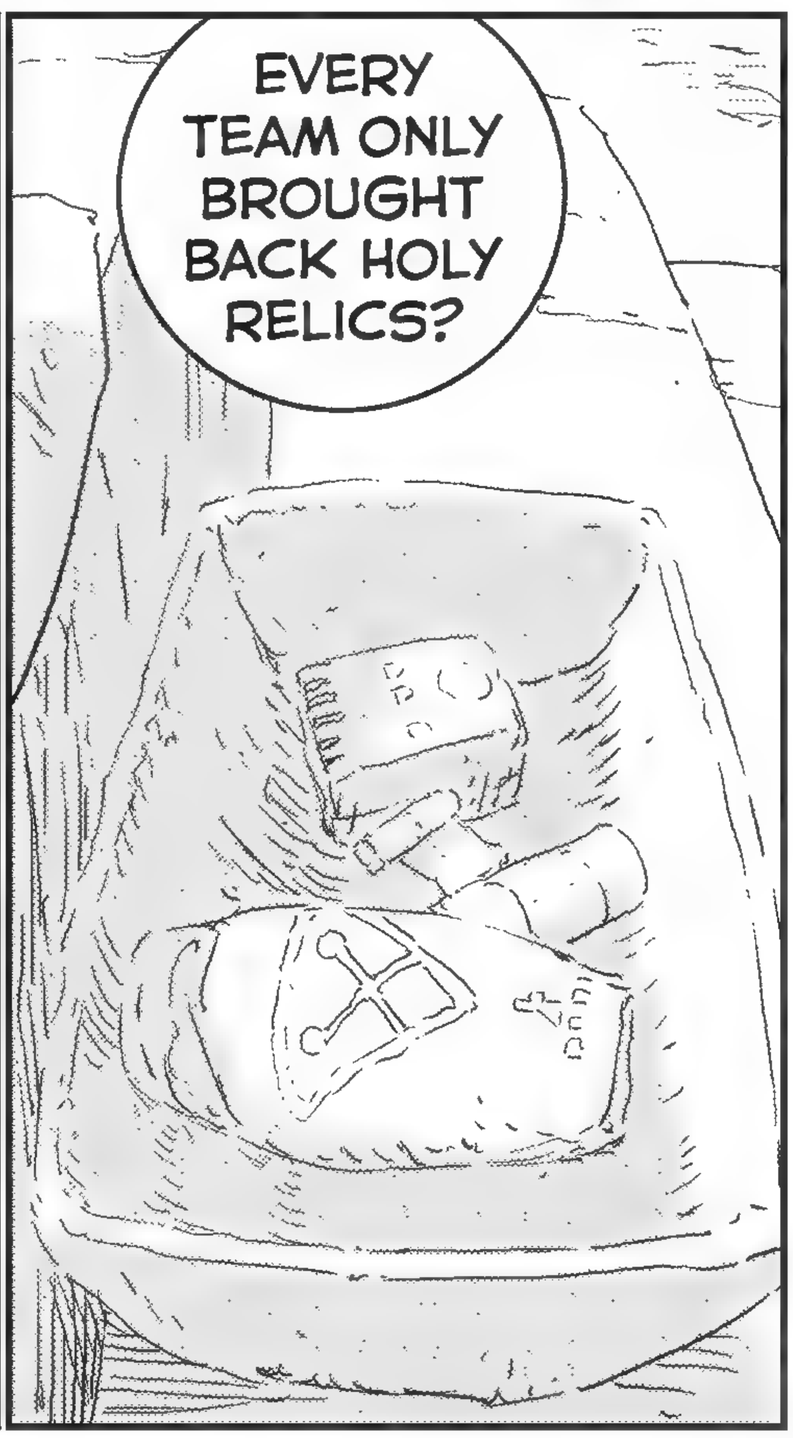

WOULD IT NOT END UP AS A CHRYSA-LIS?
YOU MEAN IT'S A HOLY RELIC?
BLESSED ?!

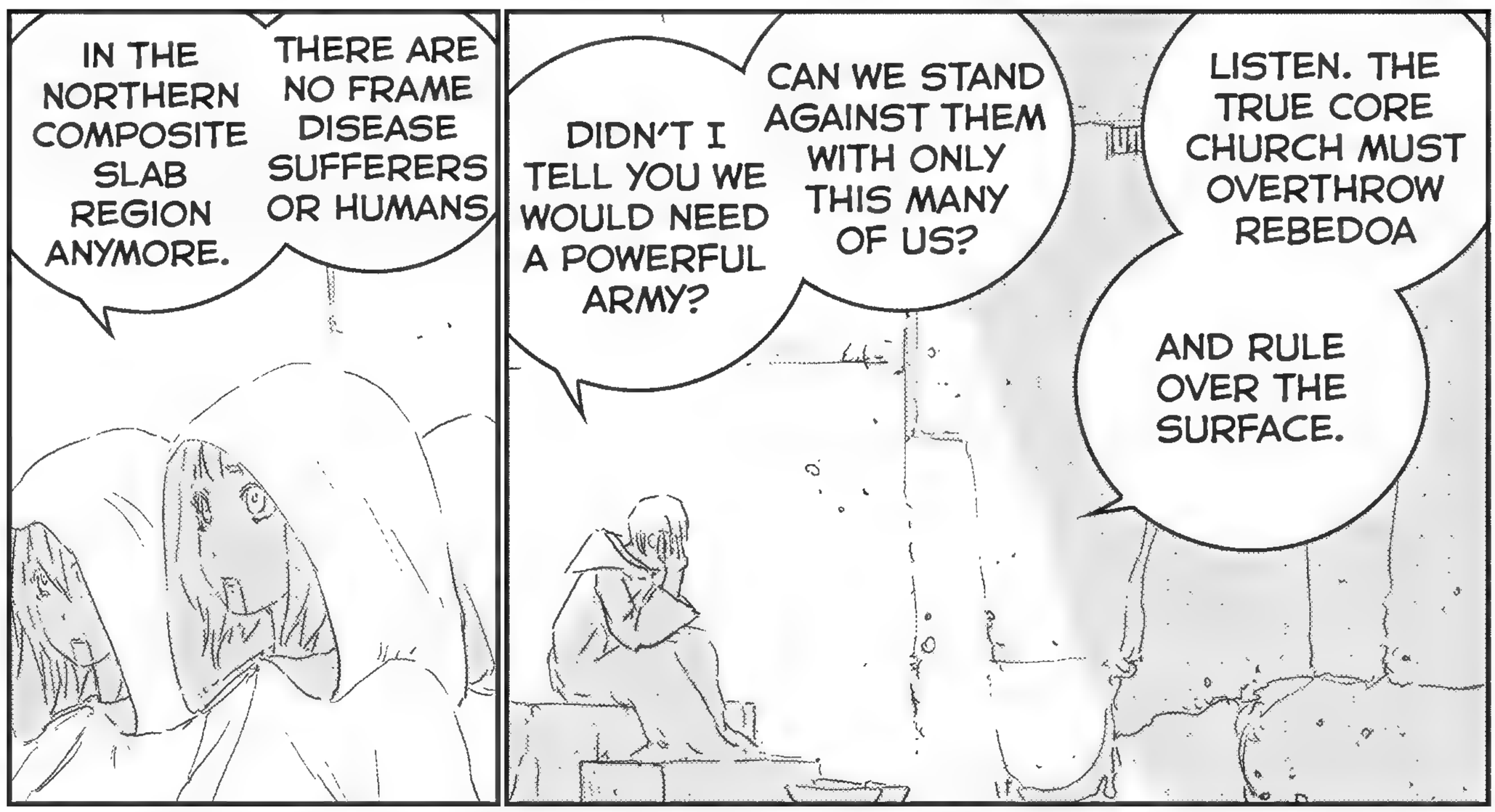

AND THEY WERE NEVER ABLE TO GET IT OFF.
IT FUSED WITH THE WEARER,

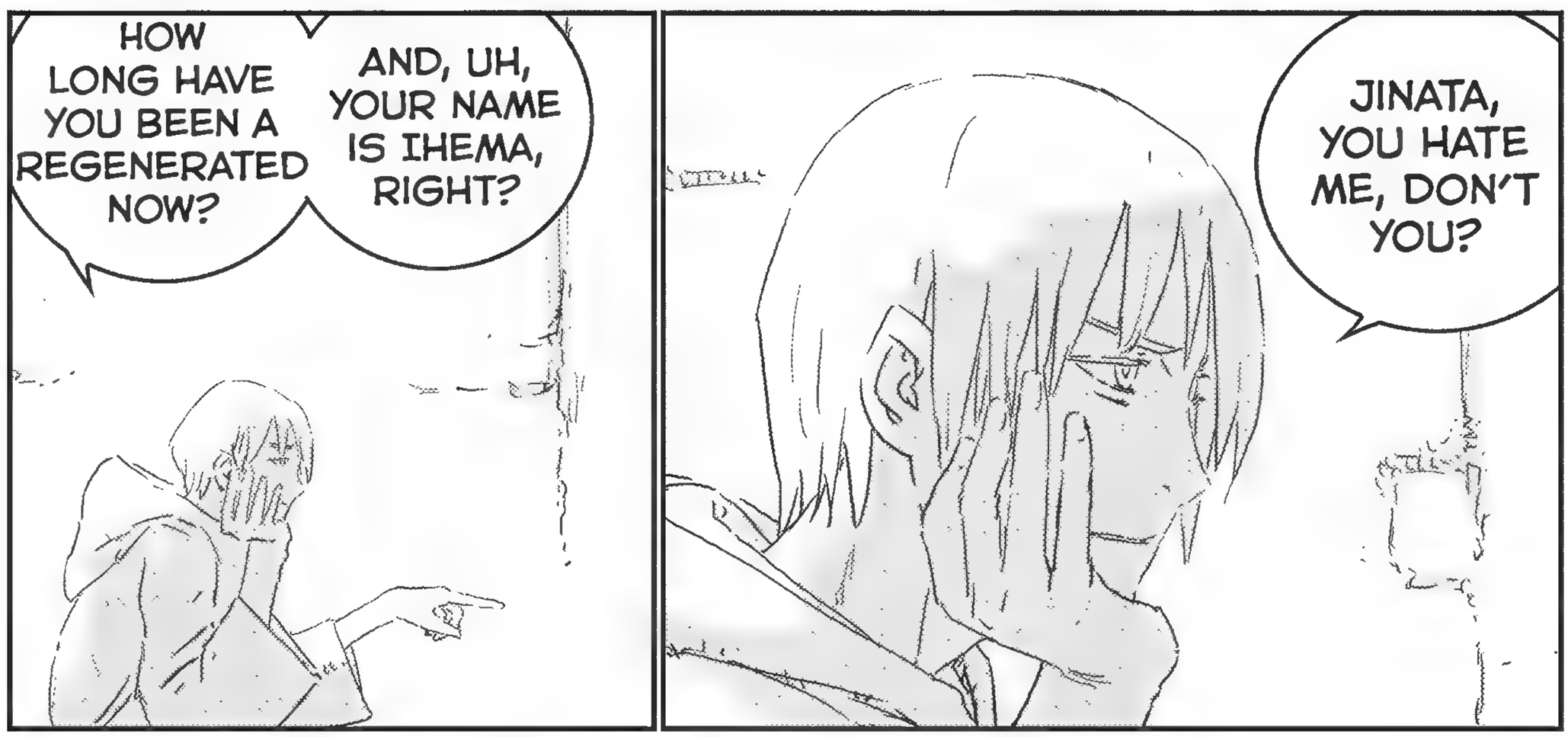

BLESSED ARMOR.

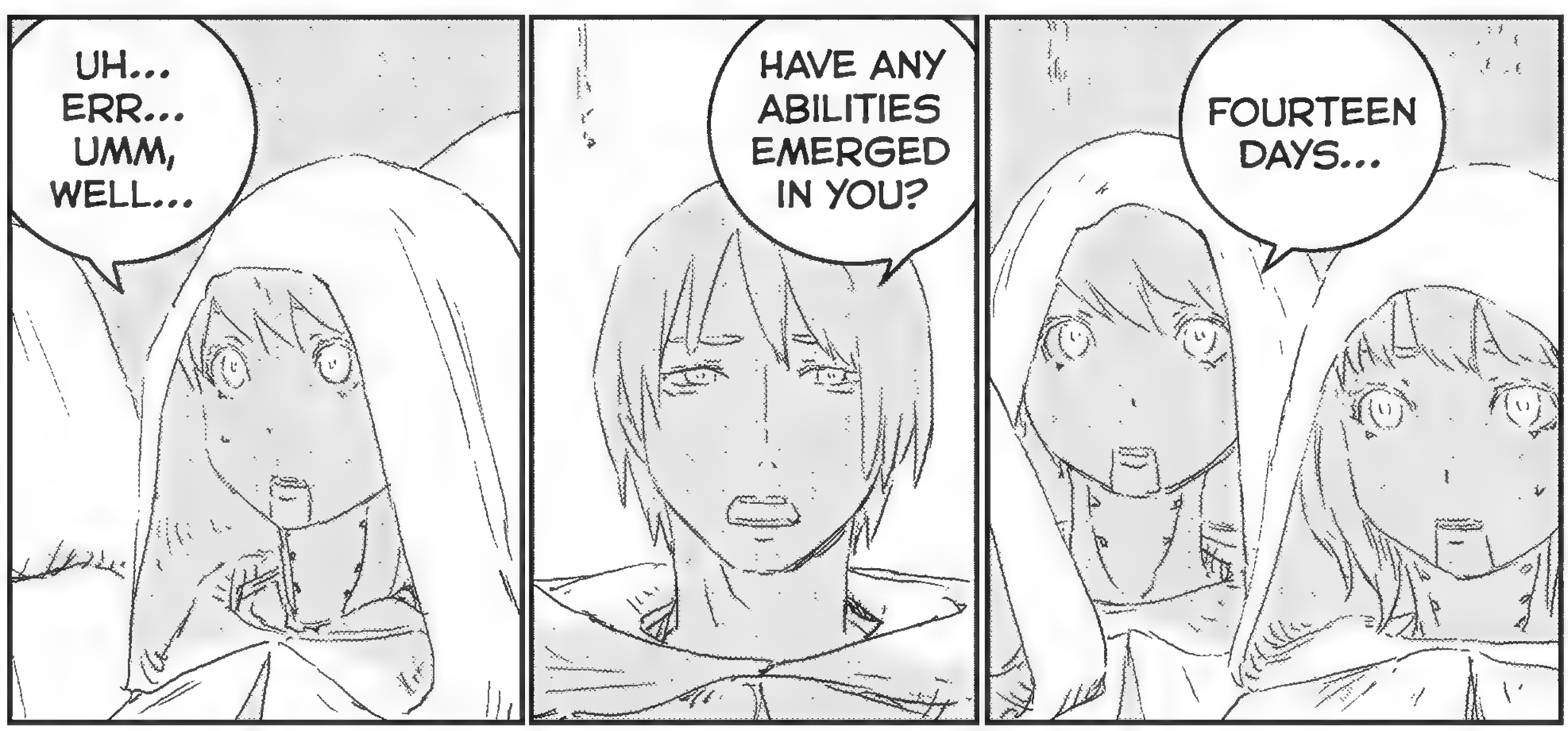


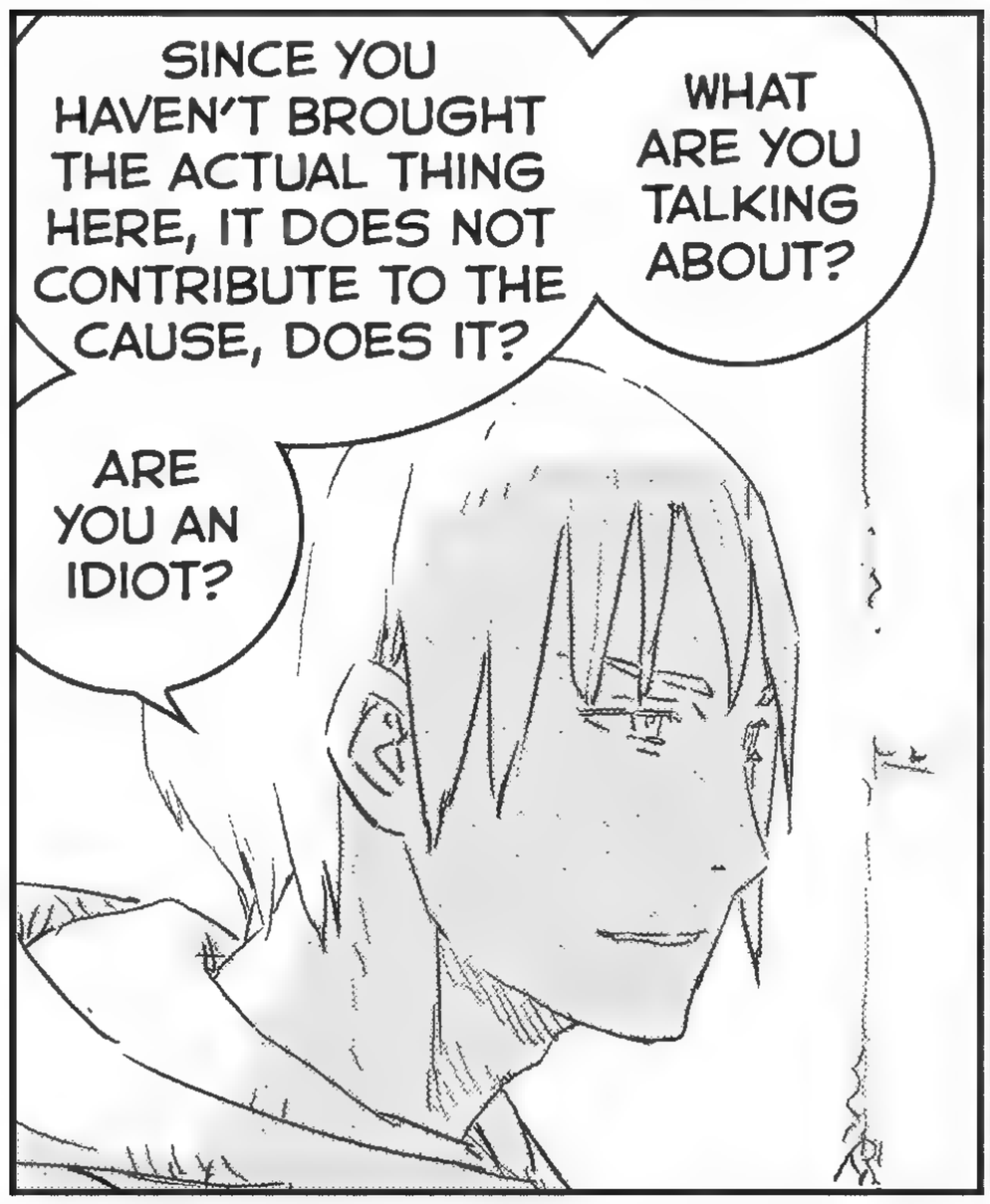

I TOLD YOU TO BRING BACK THE AFFLICTED.

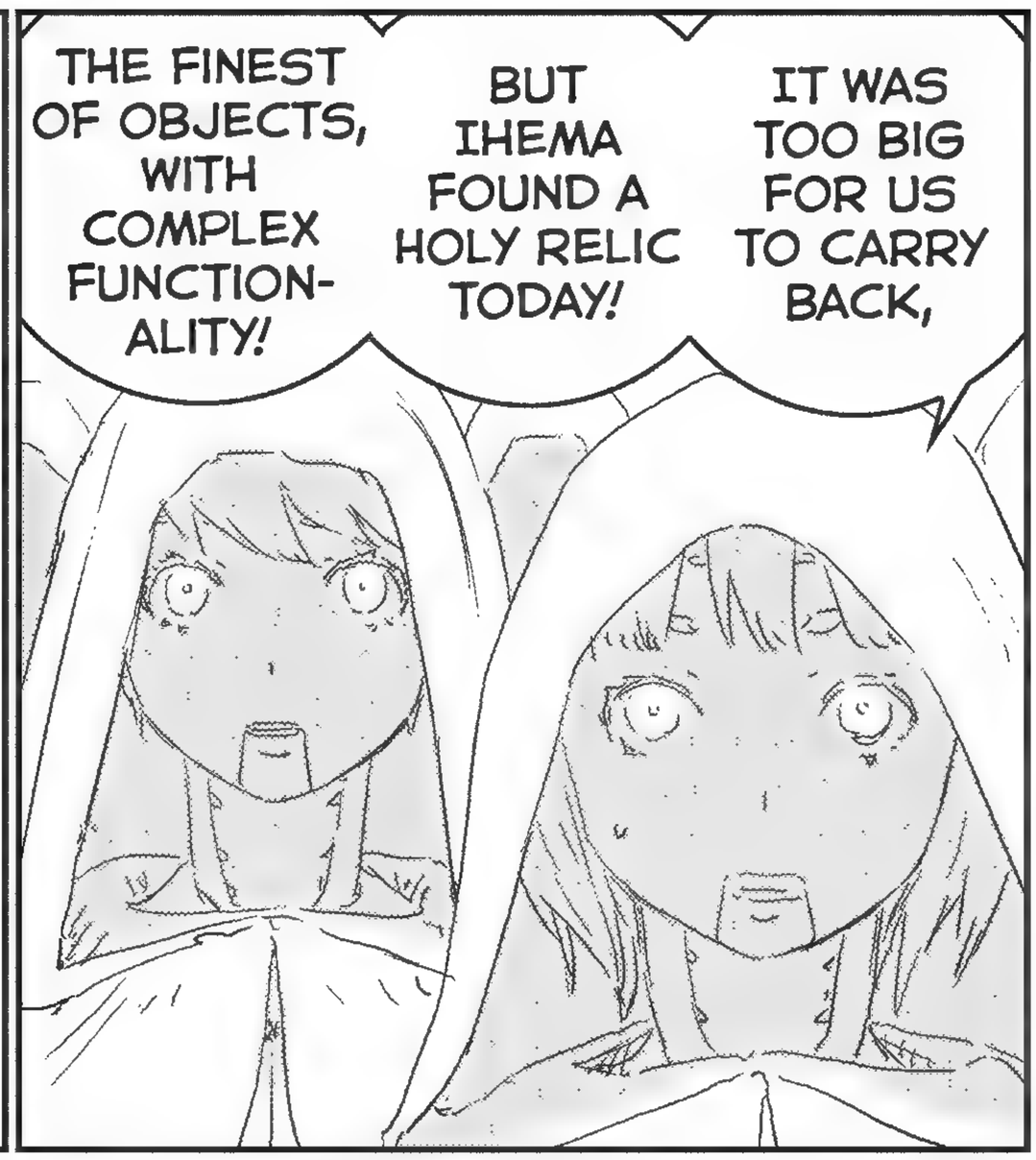

EVERY TEAM ONLY BROUGHT BACK HOLY RELICS?

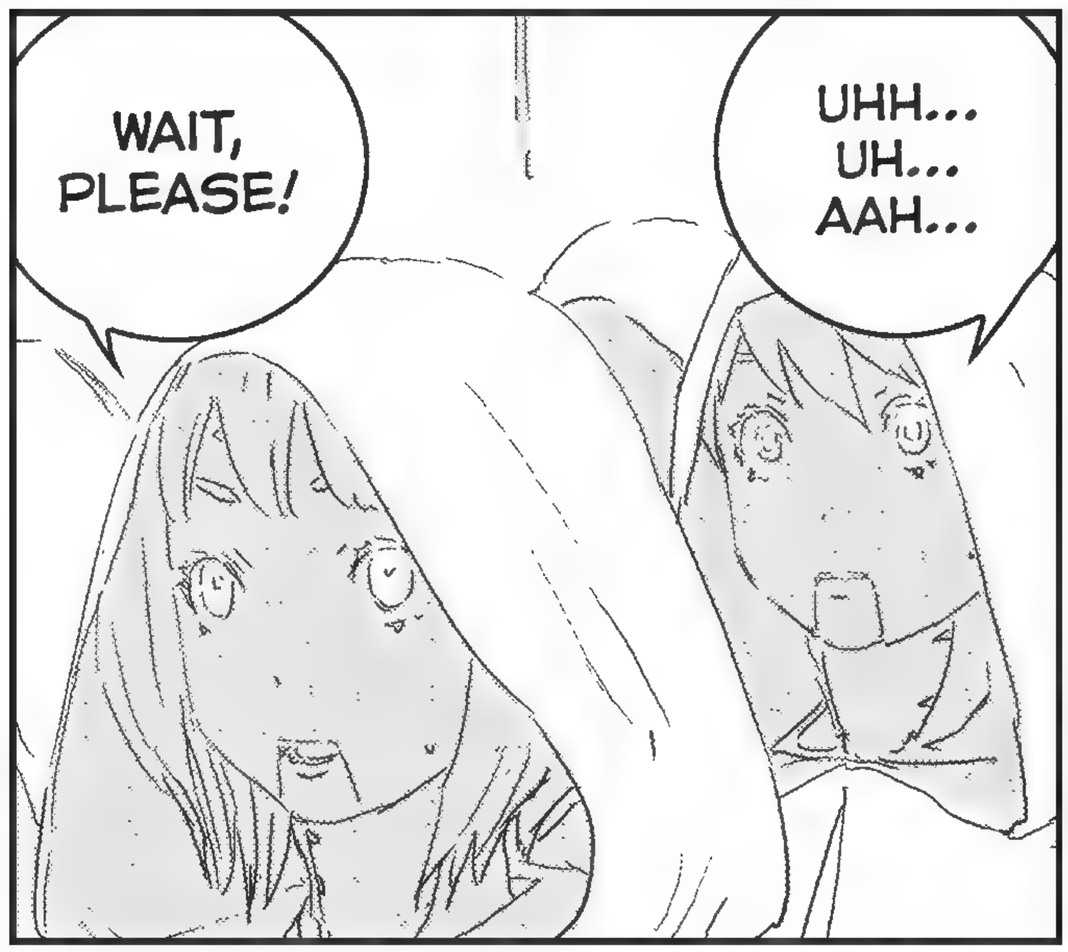

IN THE NORTHERN COMPOSITE SLAB REGION ANYMORE.
THERE ARE NO FRAME DISEASE SUFFERERS OR HUMANS
DIDN'T I TELL YOU WE WOULD NEED A POWERFUL ARMY?
CAN WE STAND AGAINST THEM WITH ONLY THIS MANY OF US?
LISTEN. THE TRUE CORE CHURCH MUST OVERTHROW REBEDOA
AND RULE OVER THE SURFACE.

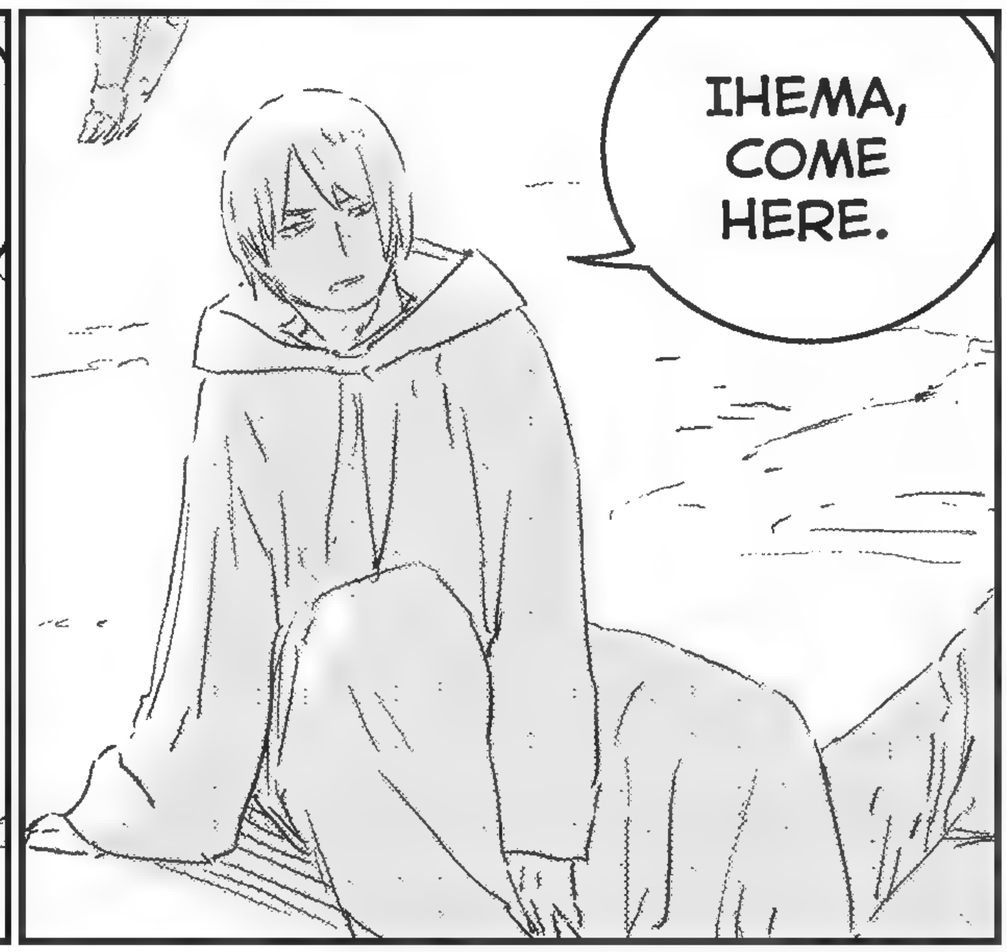

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A REGENERATED NOW?
AND, UH, YOUR NAME IS IHEMA, RIGHT?
JINATA, YOU HATE ME, DON'T YOU?

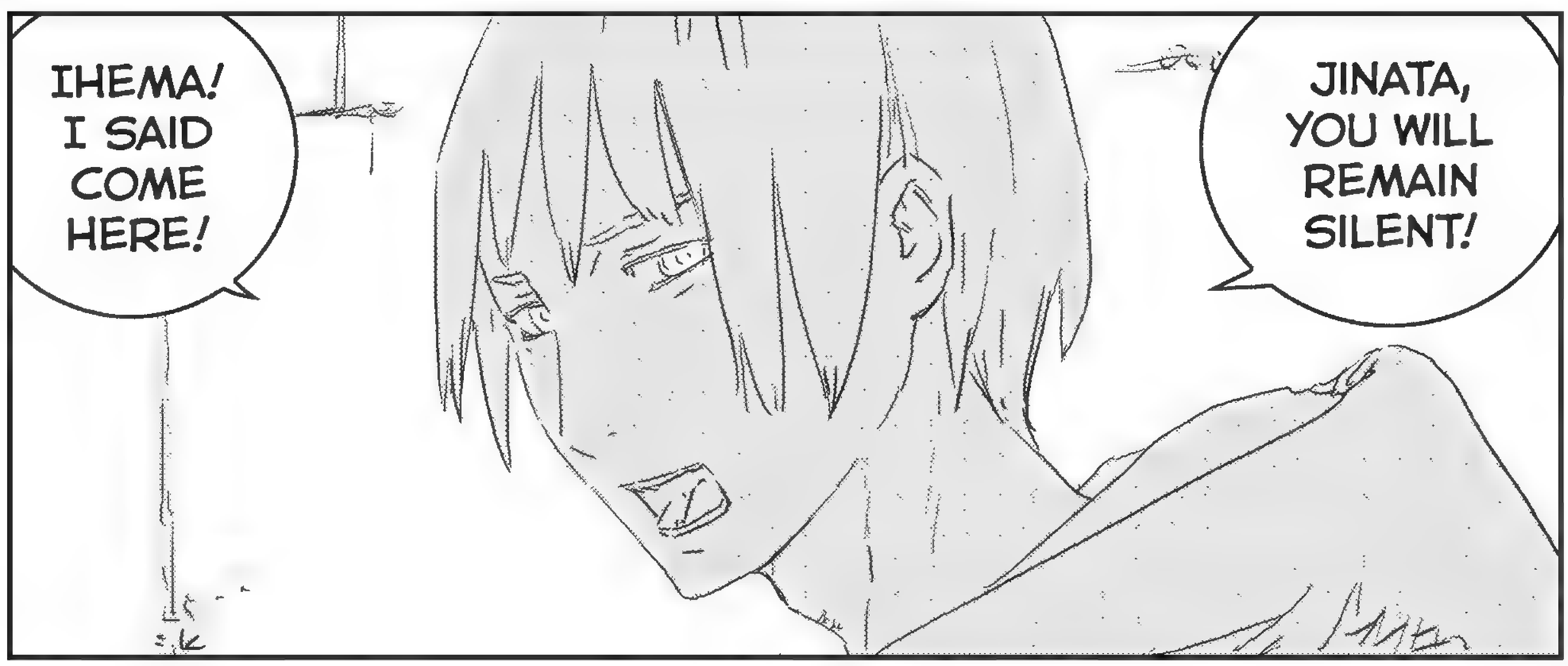

UH... ERR... UMM, WELL...
HAVE ANY ABILITIES EMERGED IN YOU?
FOURTEEN DAYS...

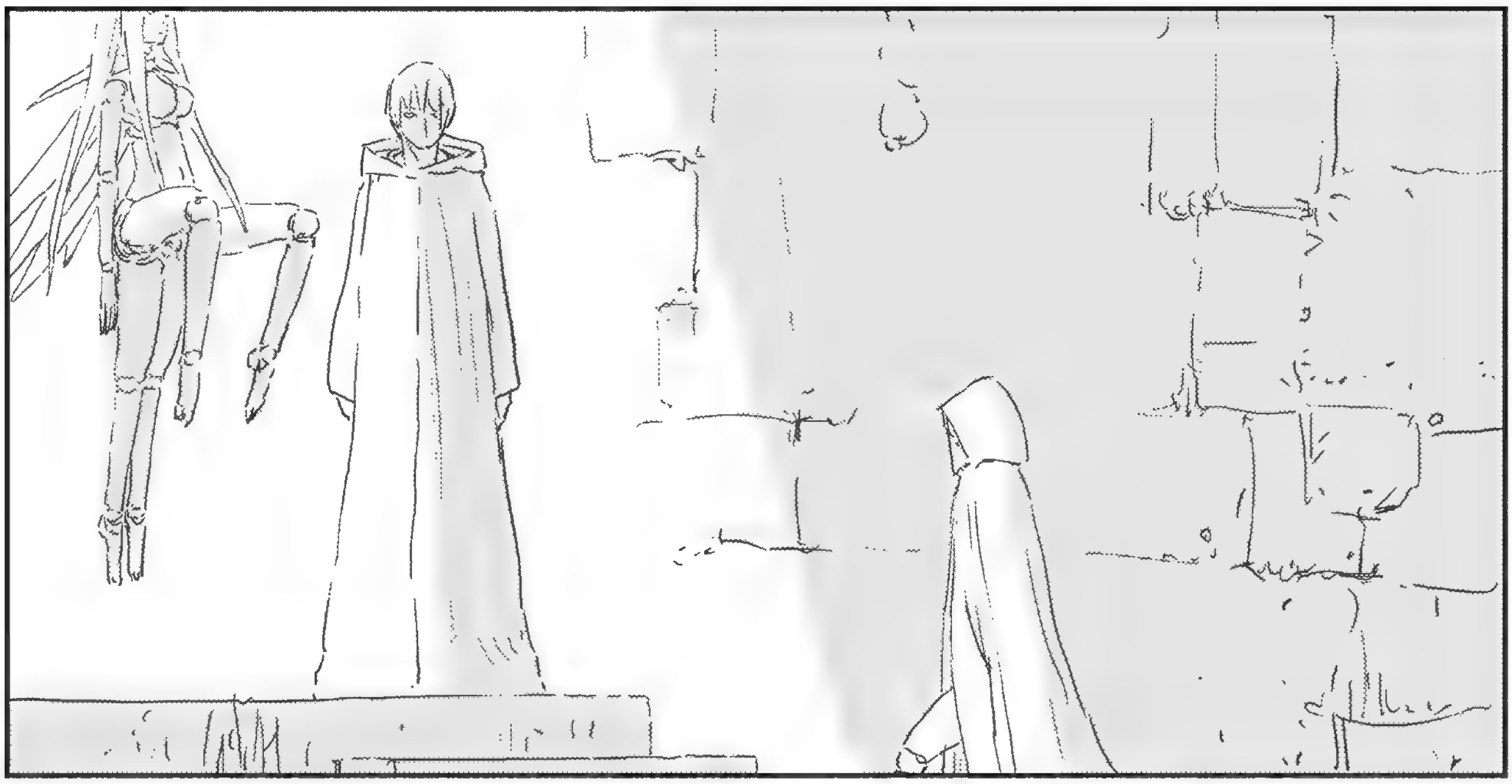

SINCE YOU HAVEN'T BROUGHT THE ACTUAL THING HERE, IT DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE, DOES IT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?

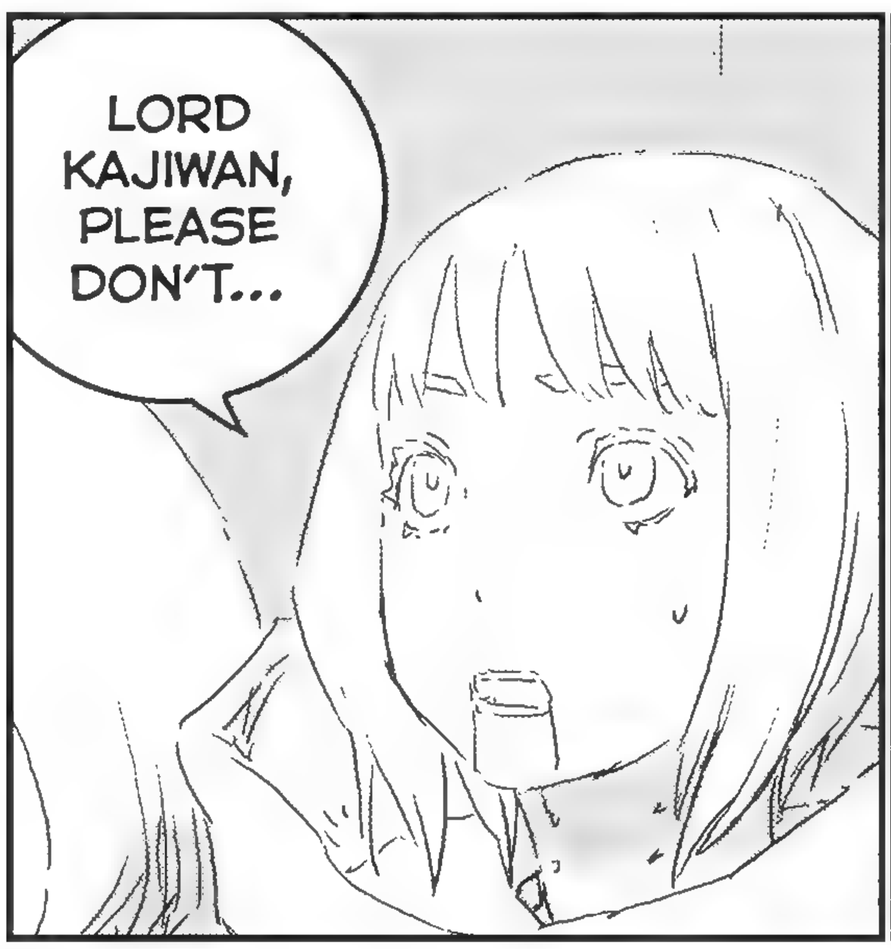

THE FINEST OF OBJECTS, WITH COMPLEX FUNCTION-ALITY!
BUT IHEMA FOUND A HOLY RELIC TODAY!
IT WAS TOO BIG FOR US TO CARRY BACK,

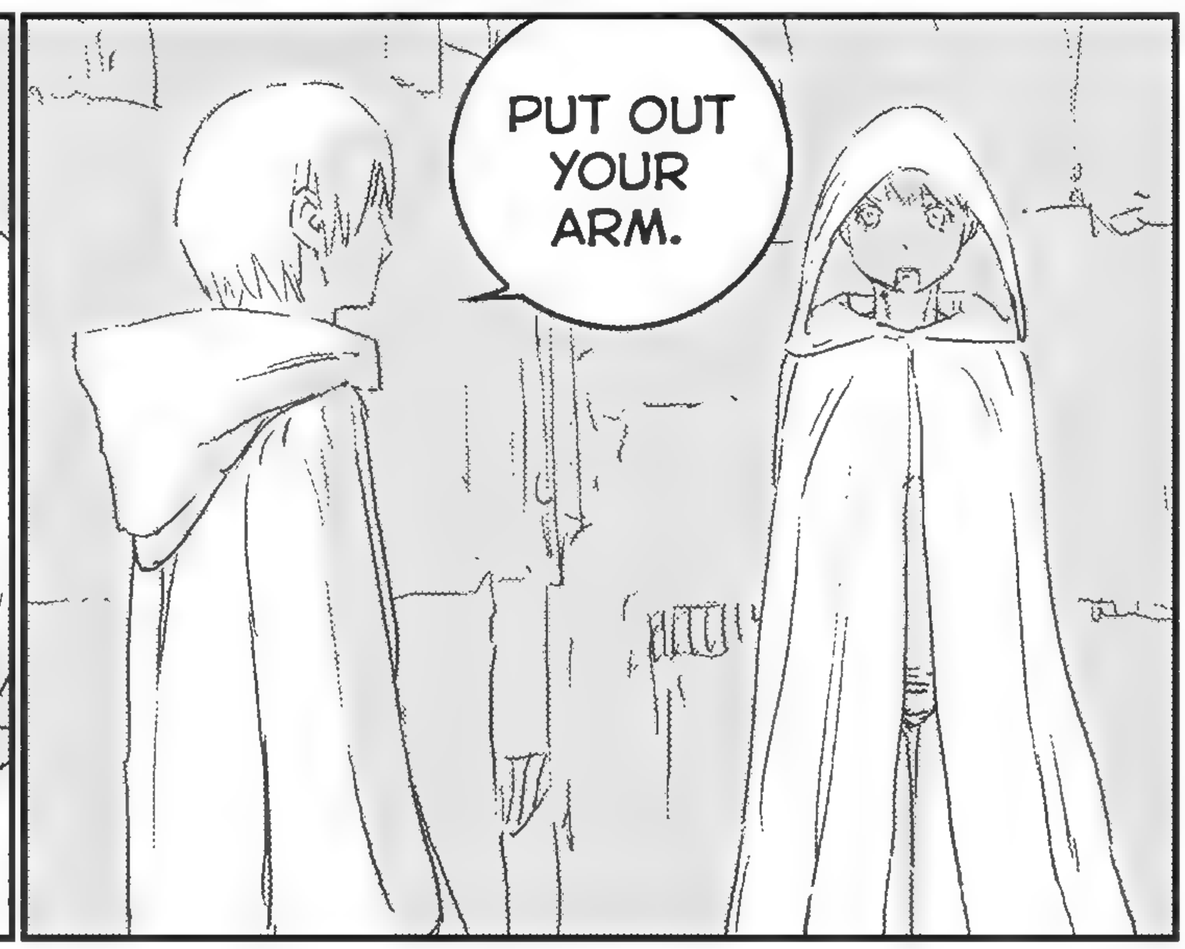

WAIT, PLEASE!
UHH... UH... AAH...

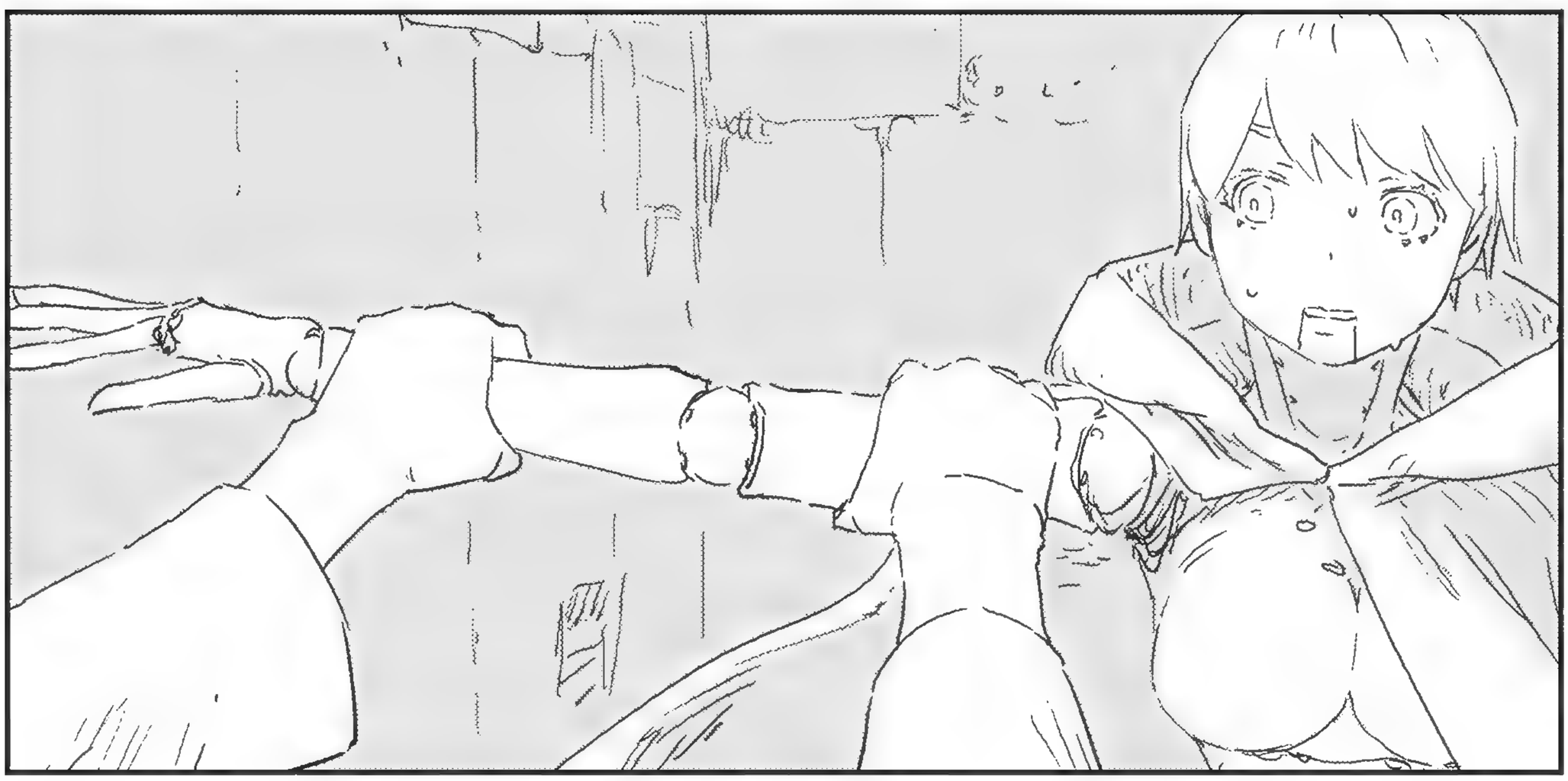

IHEMA, COME HERE.

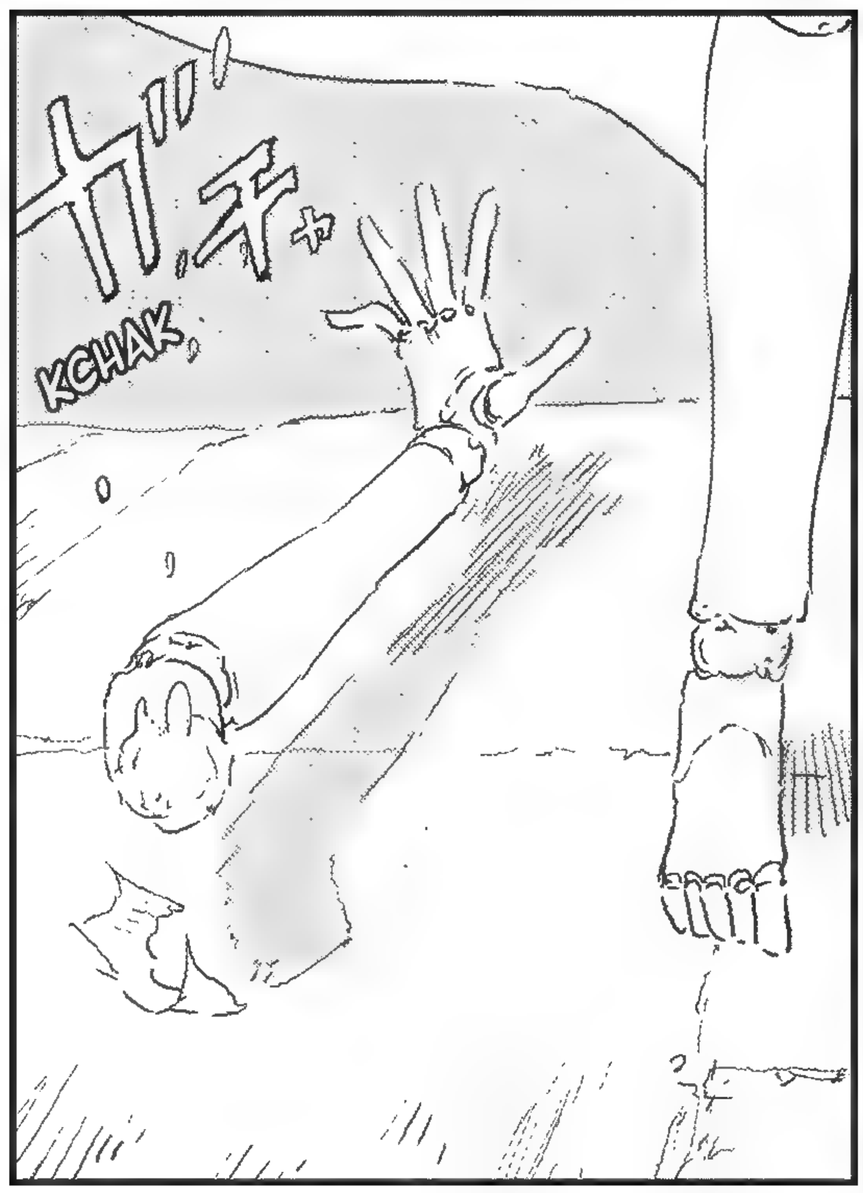

IHEMA! I SAID COME HERE!
JINATA, YOU WILL REMAIN SILENT!




LORD KAJIWAN, PLEASE DON'T...


PUT OUT YOUR ARM.

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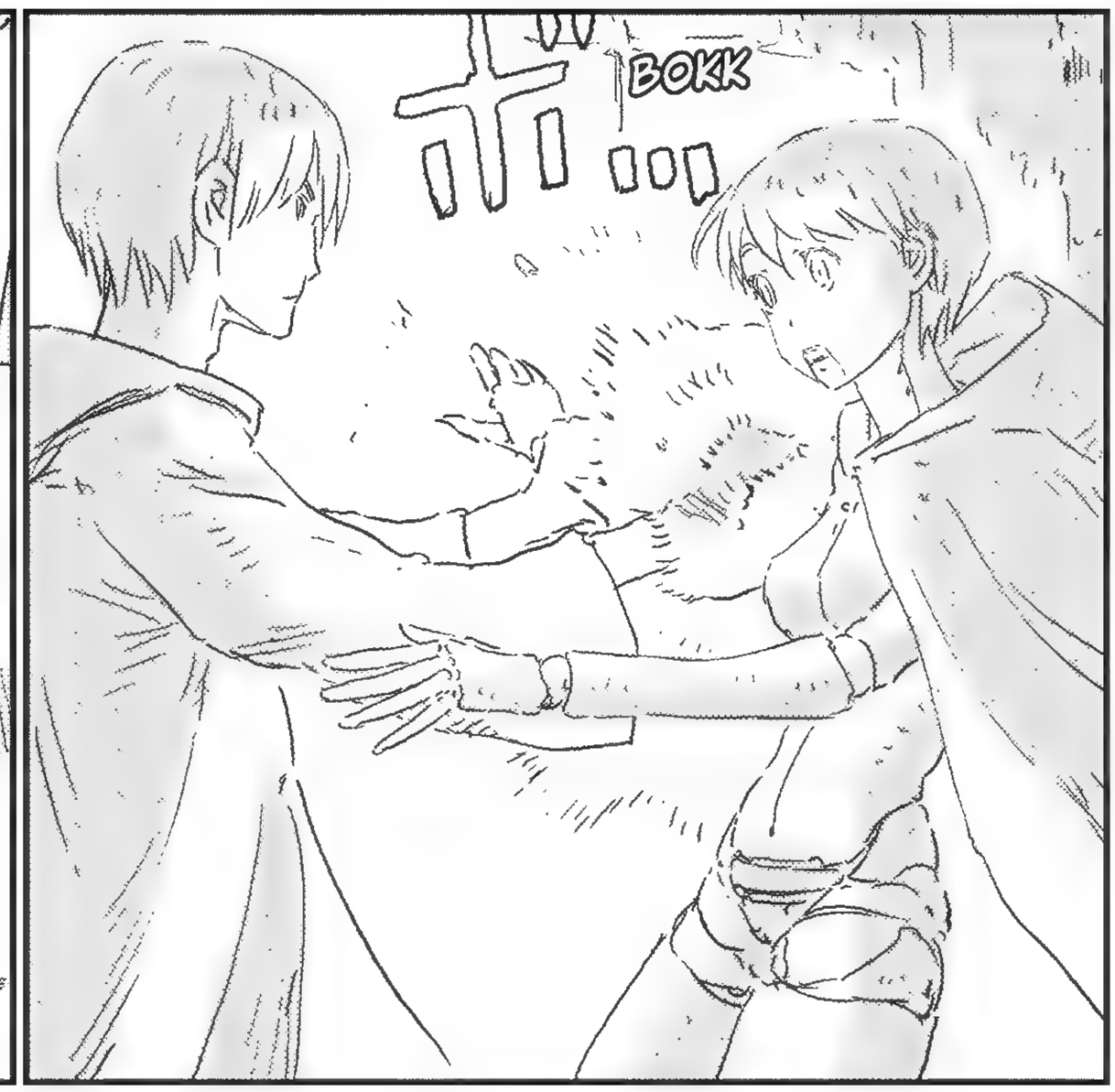
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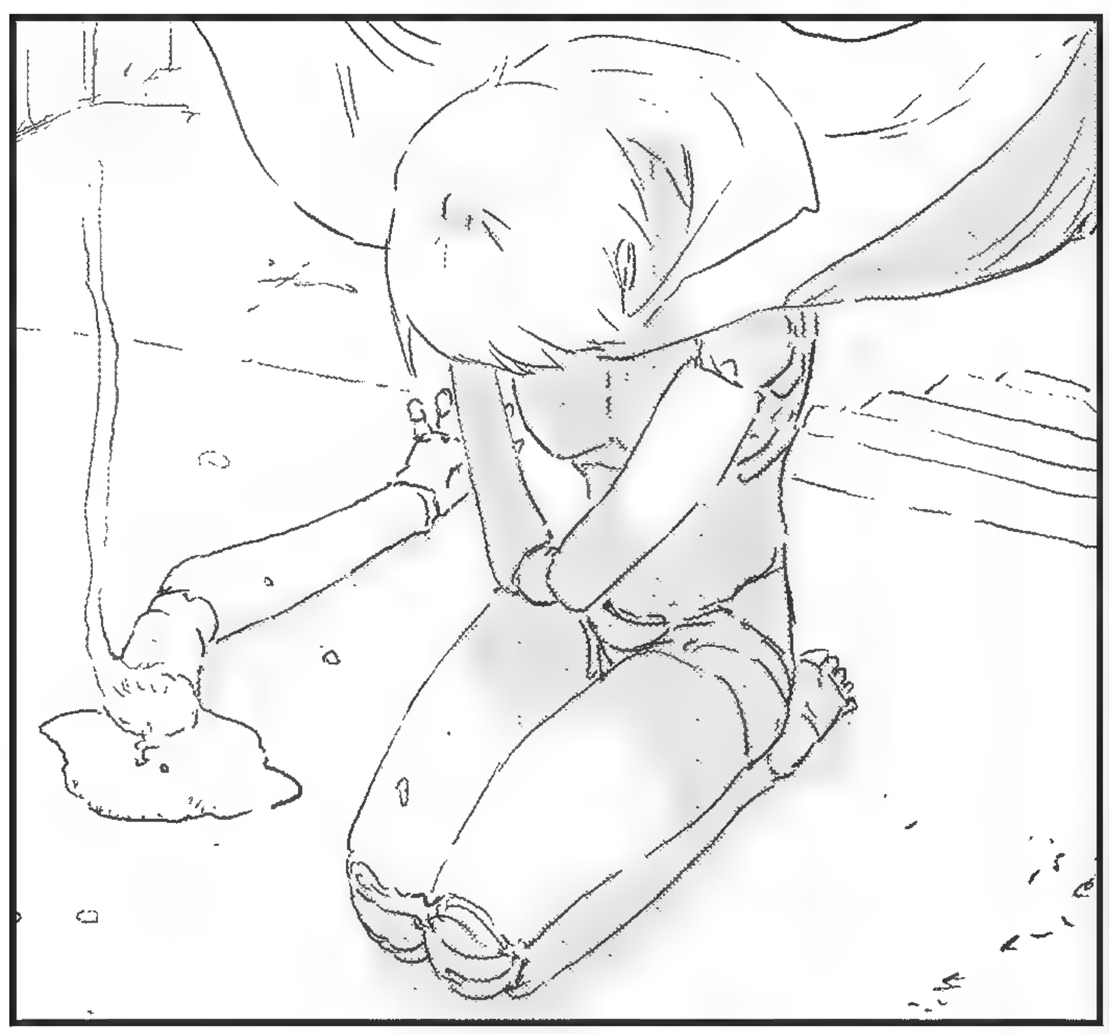

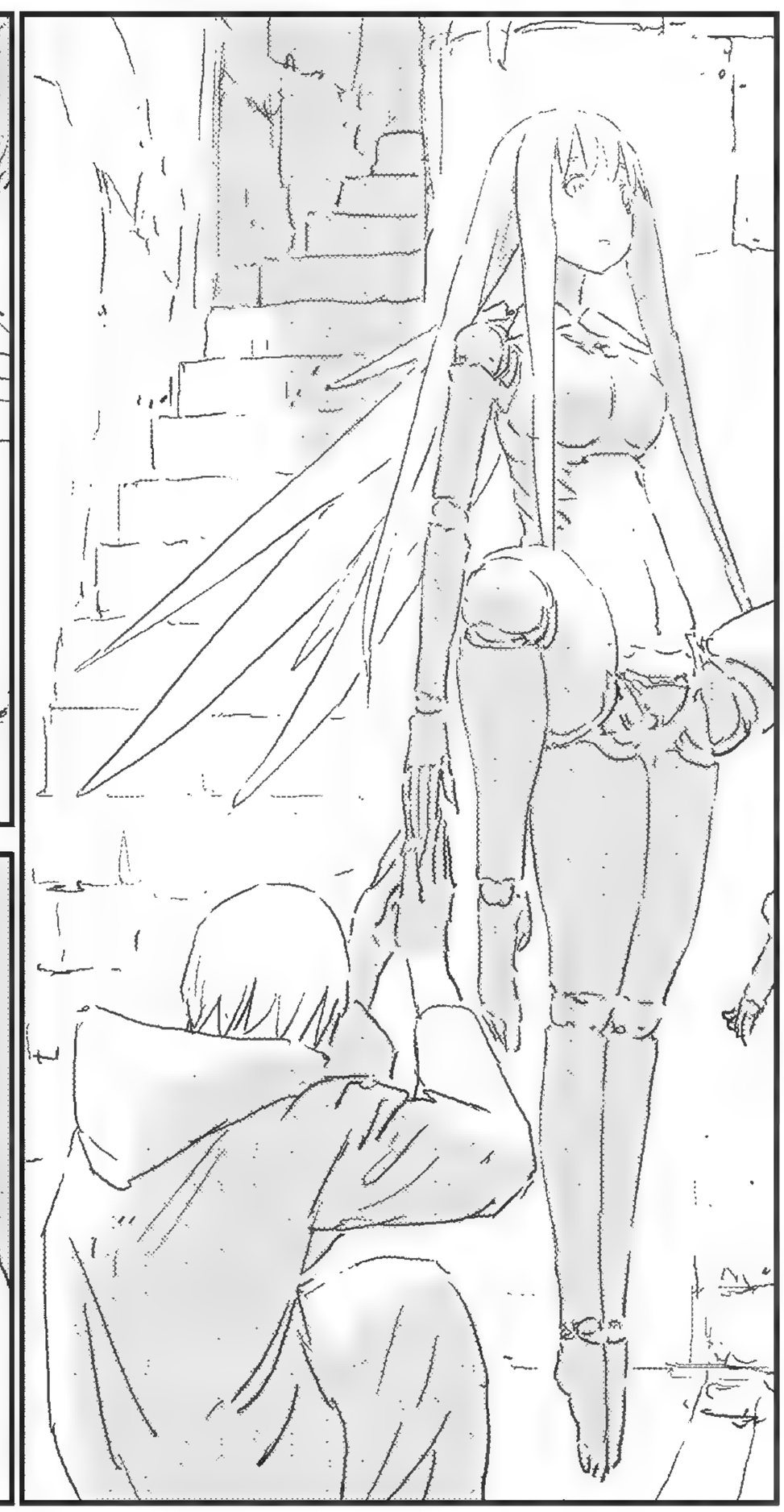

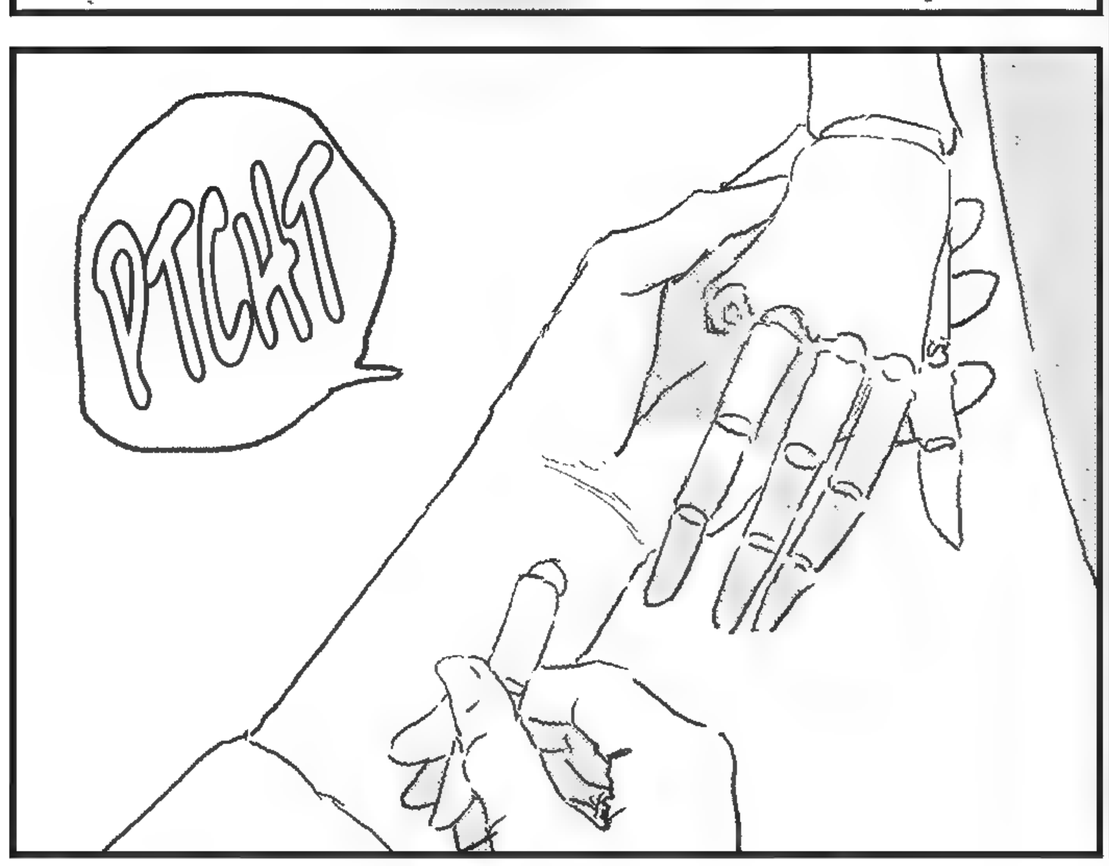
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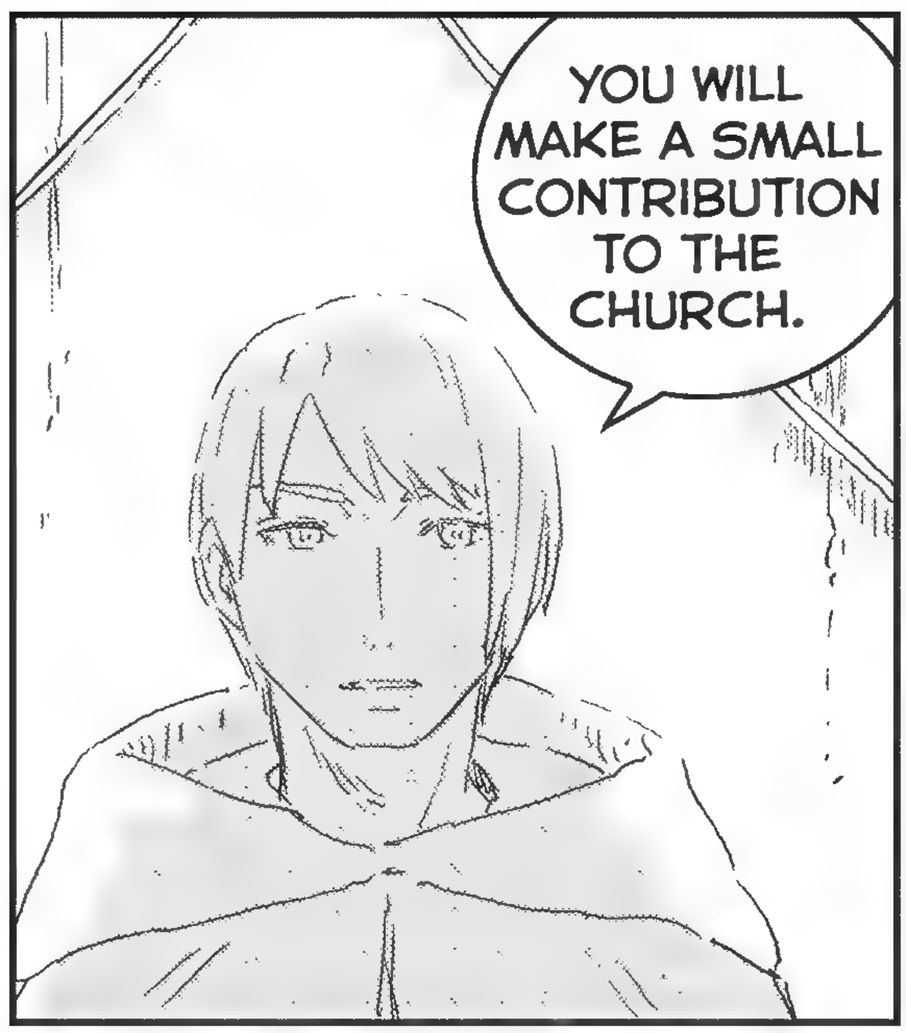
YOU WILL MAKE A SMALL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHURCH.

PLEASE STOP... I BEG OF YOU...
YOUR HAND WAS IN THE WAY.

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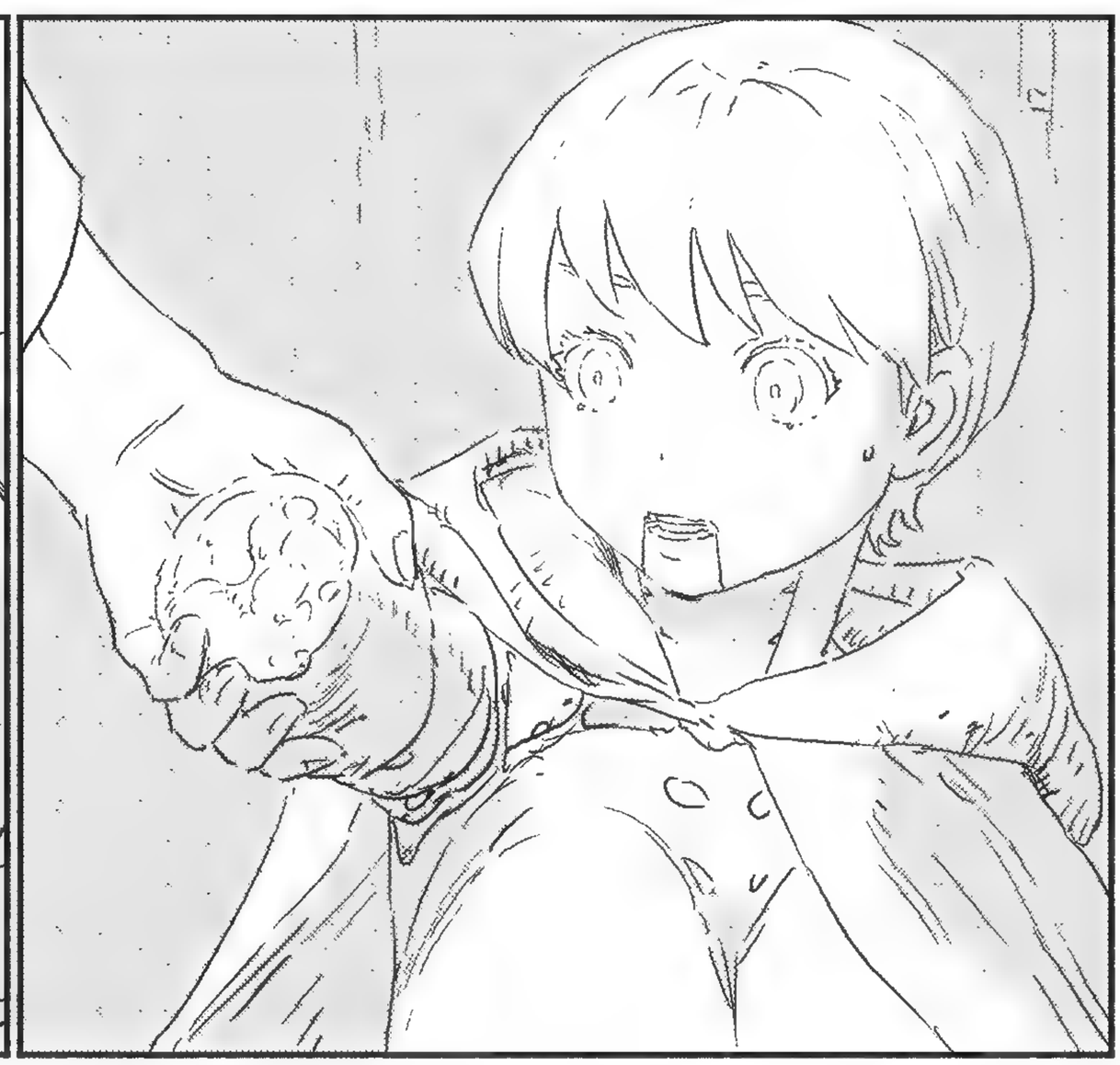
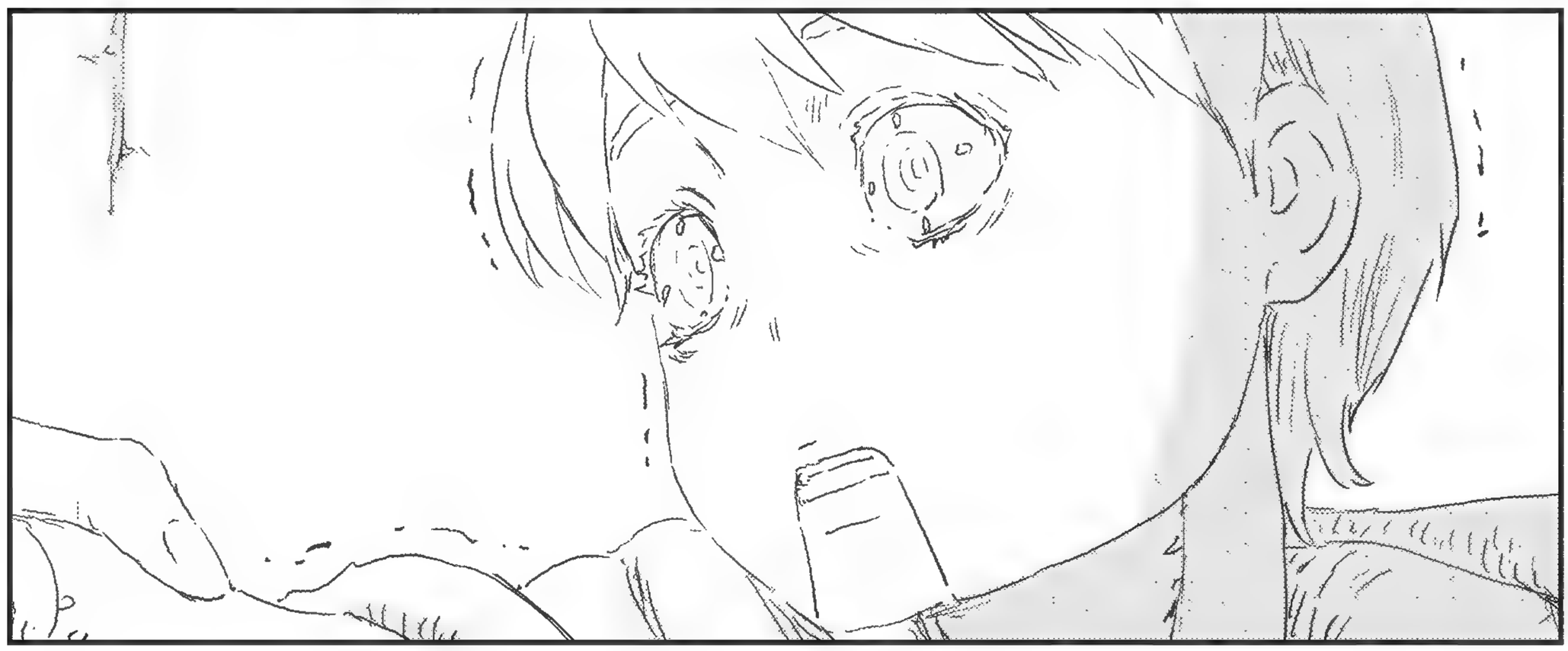
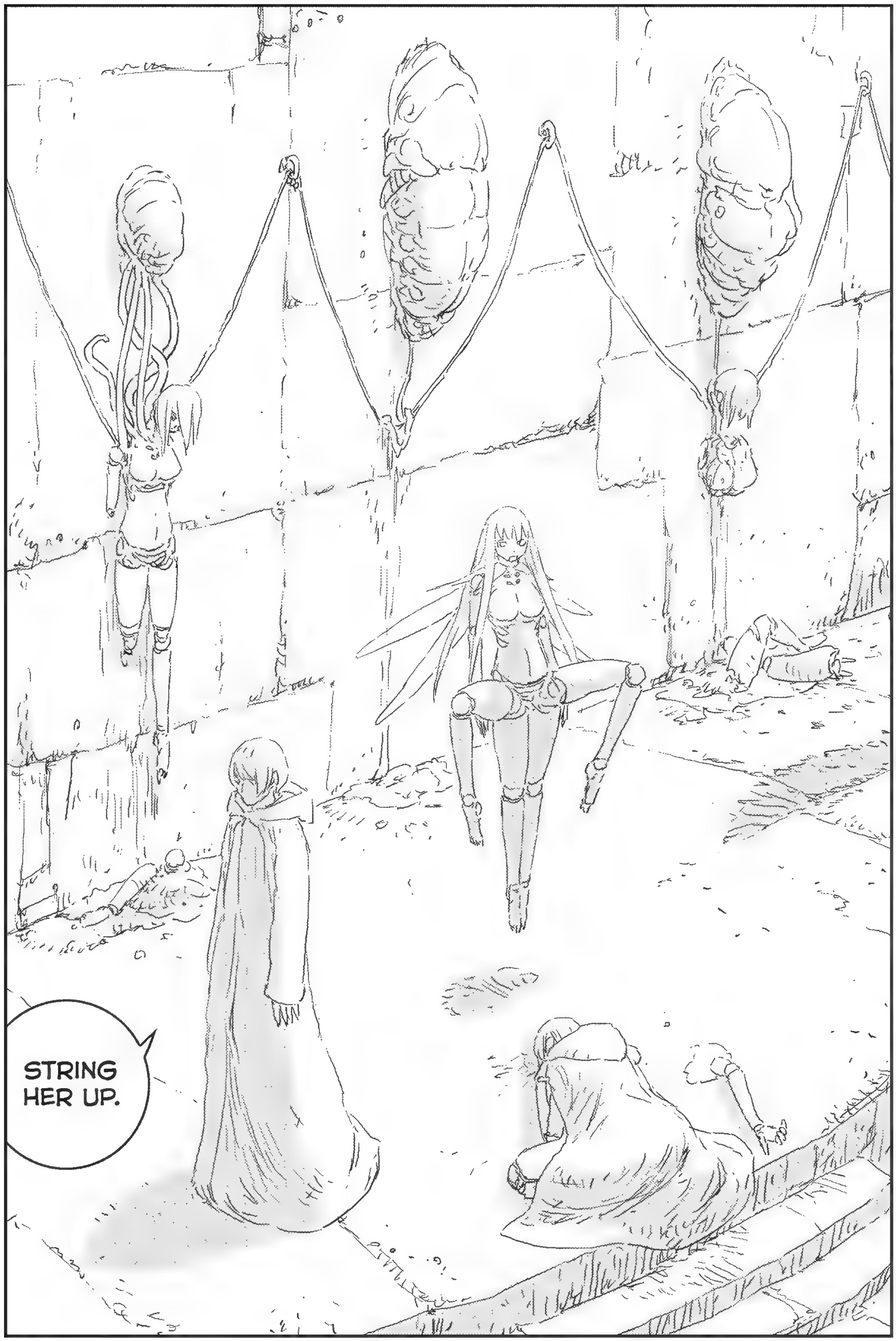
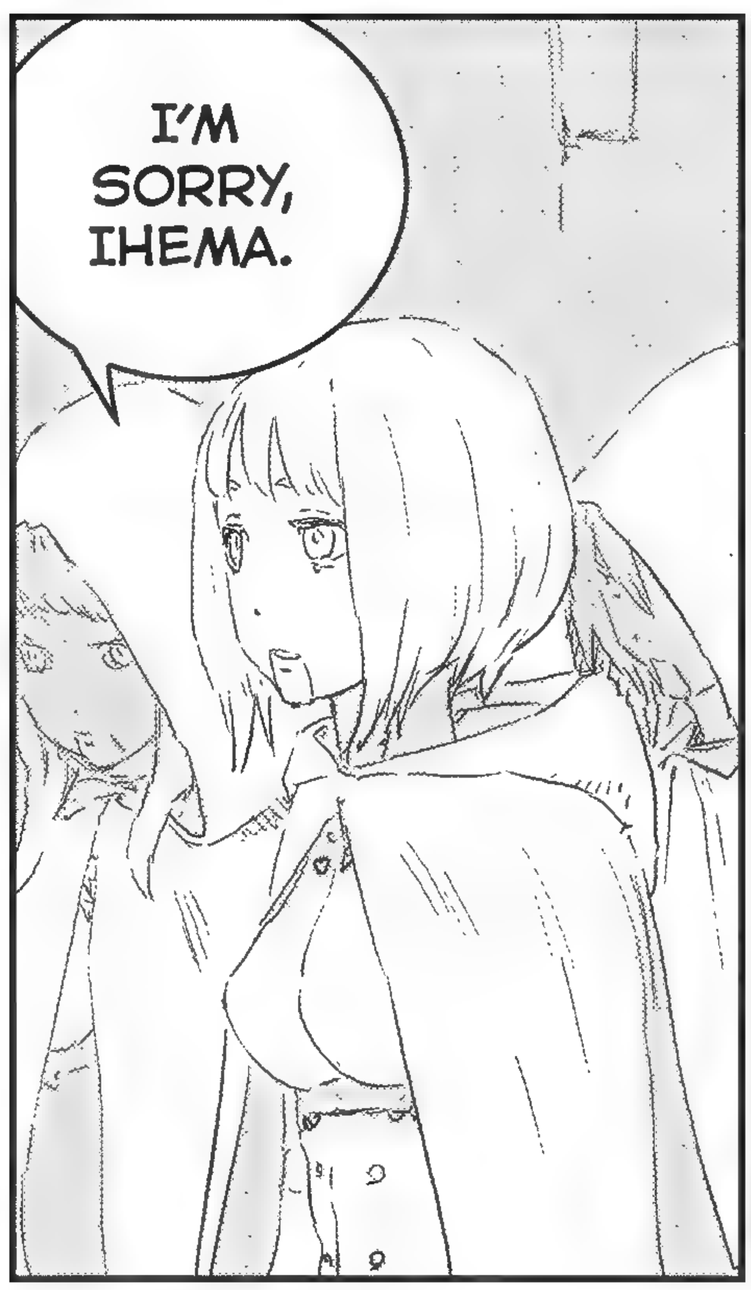
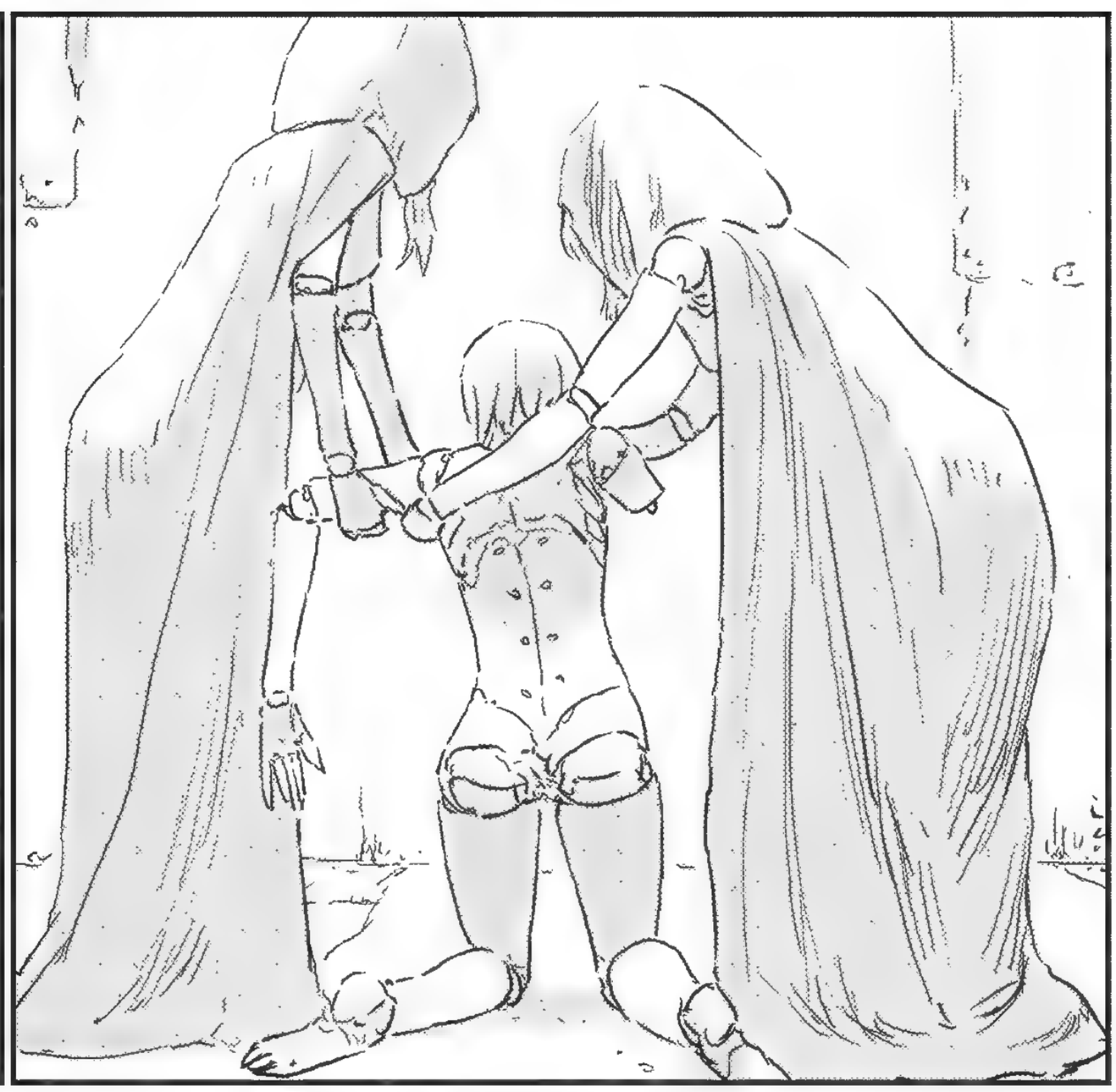
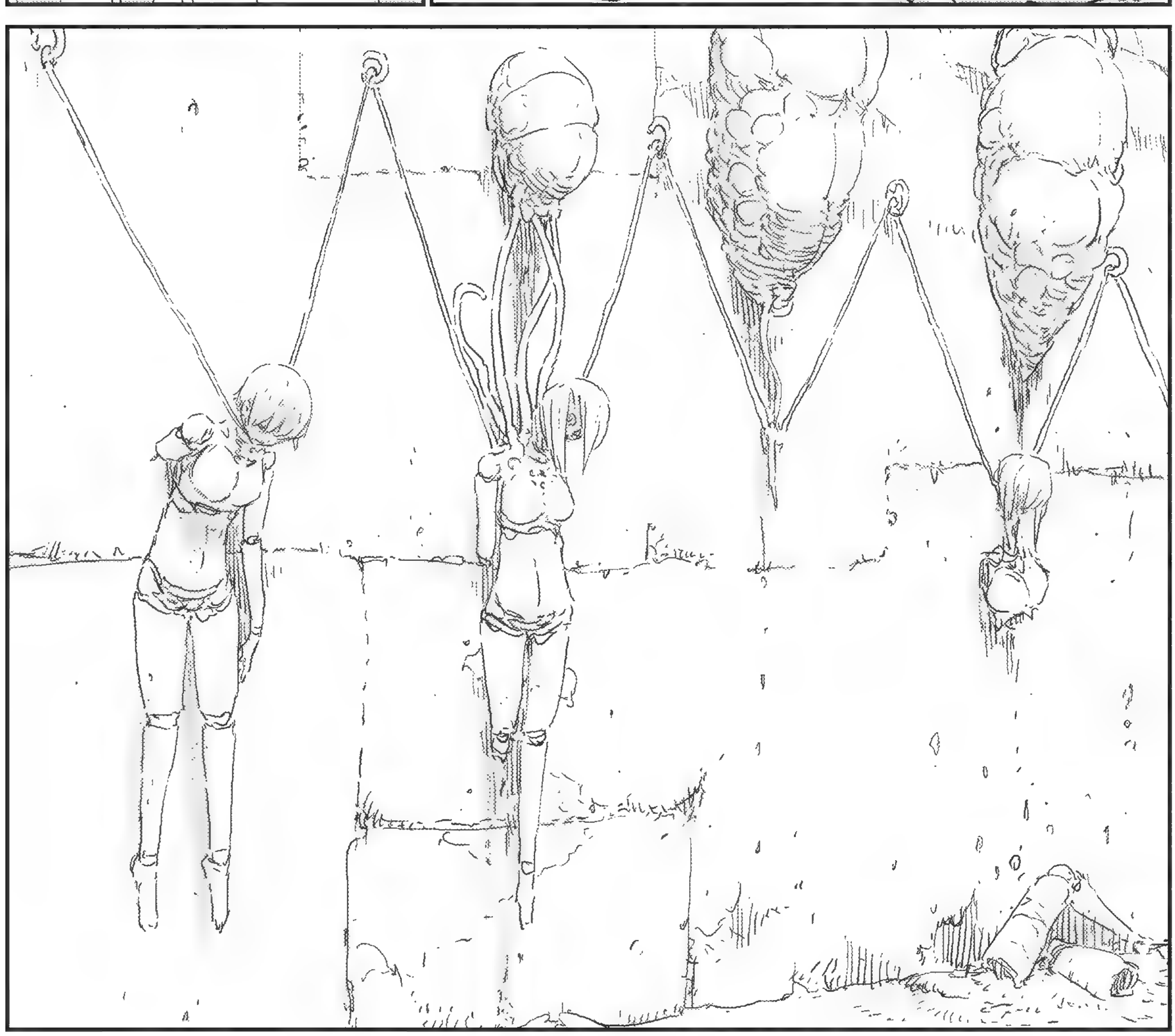


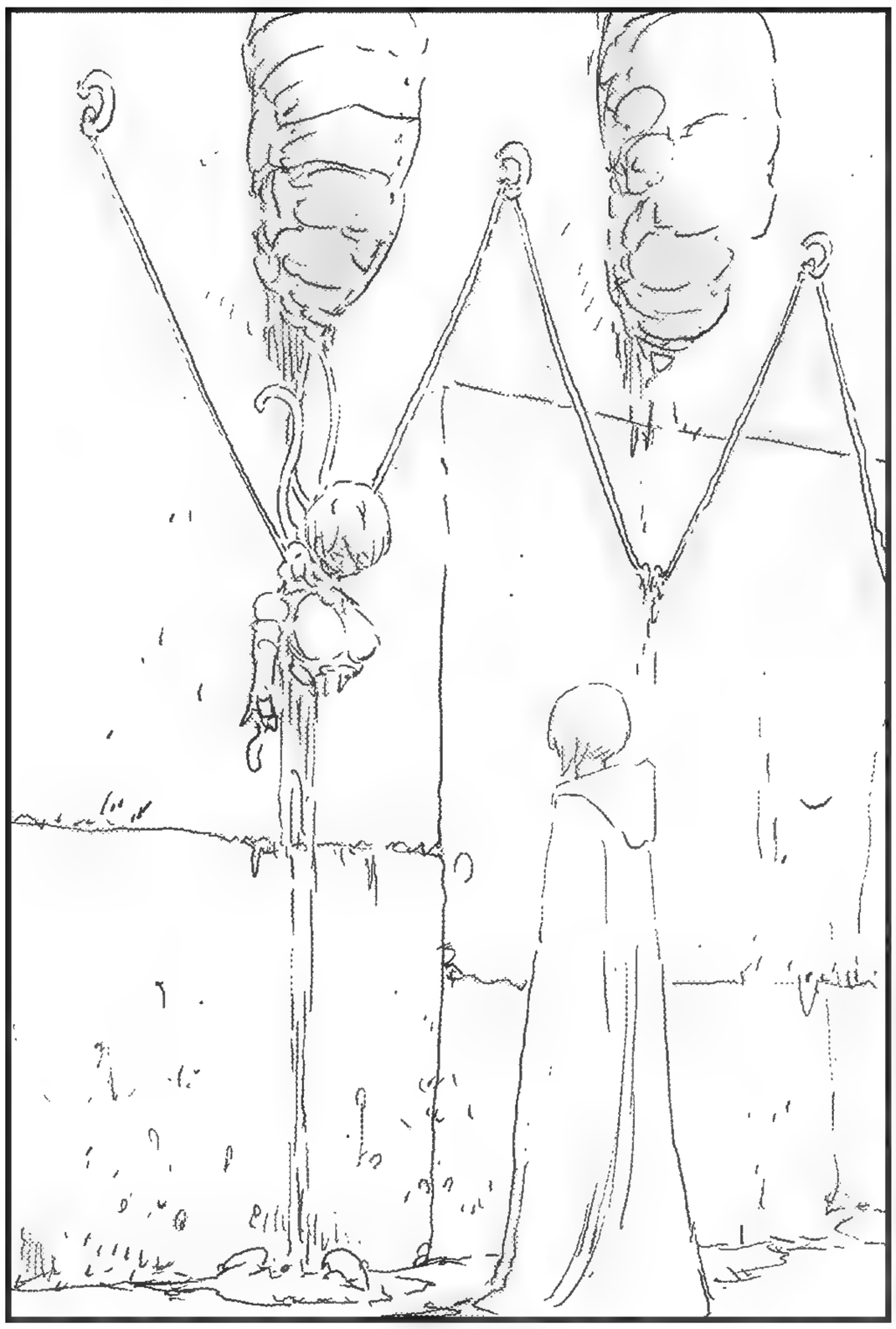


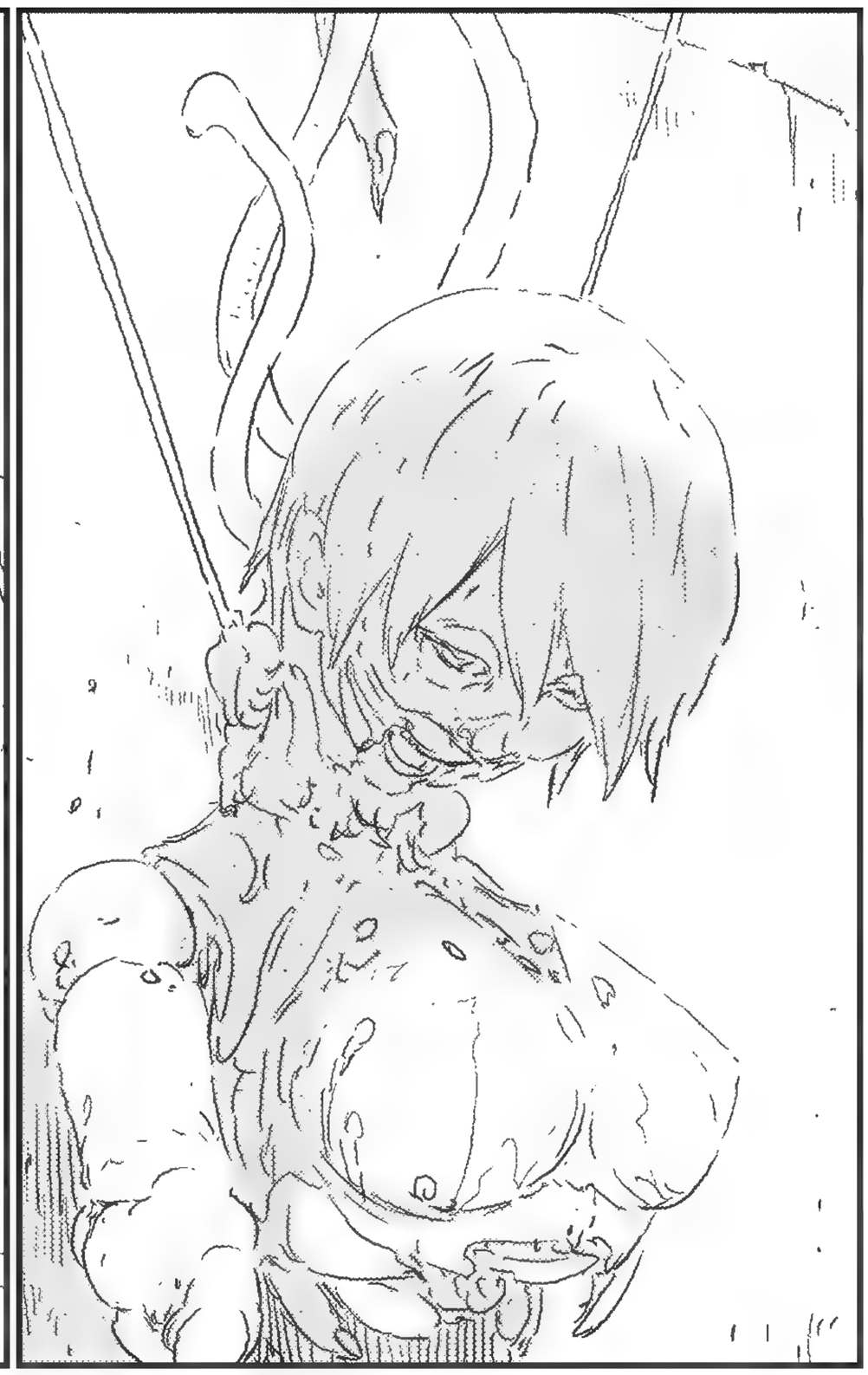

STRING HER UP.

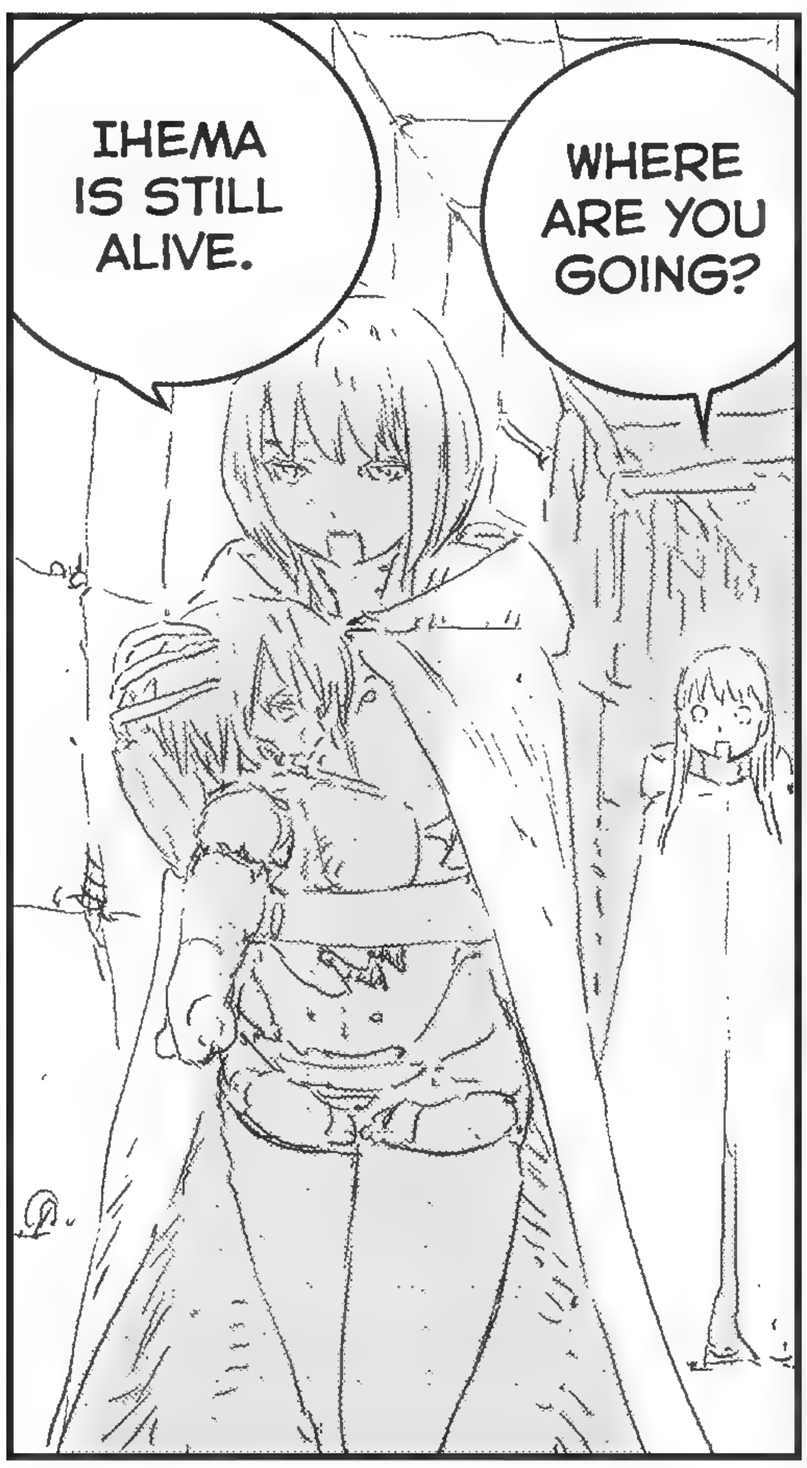

I'M SORRY, IHEMA.



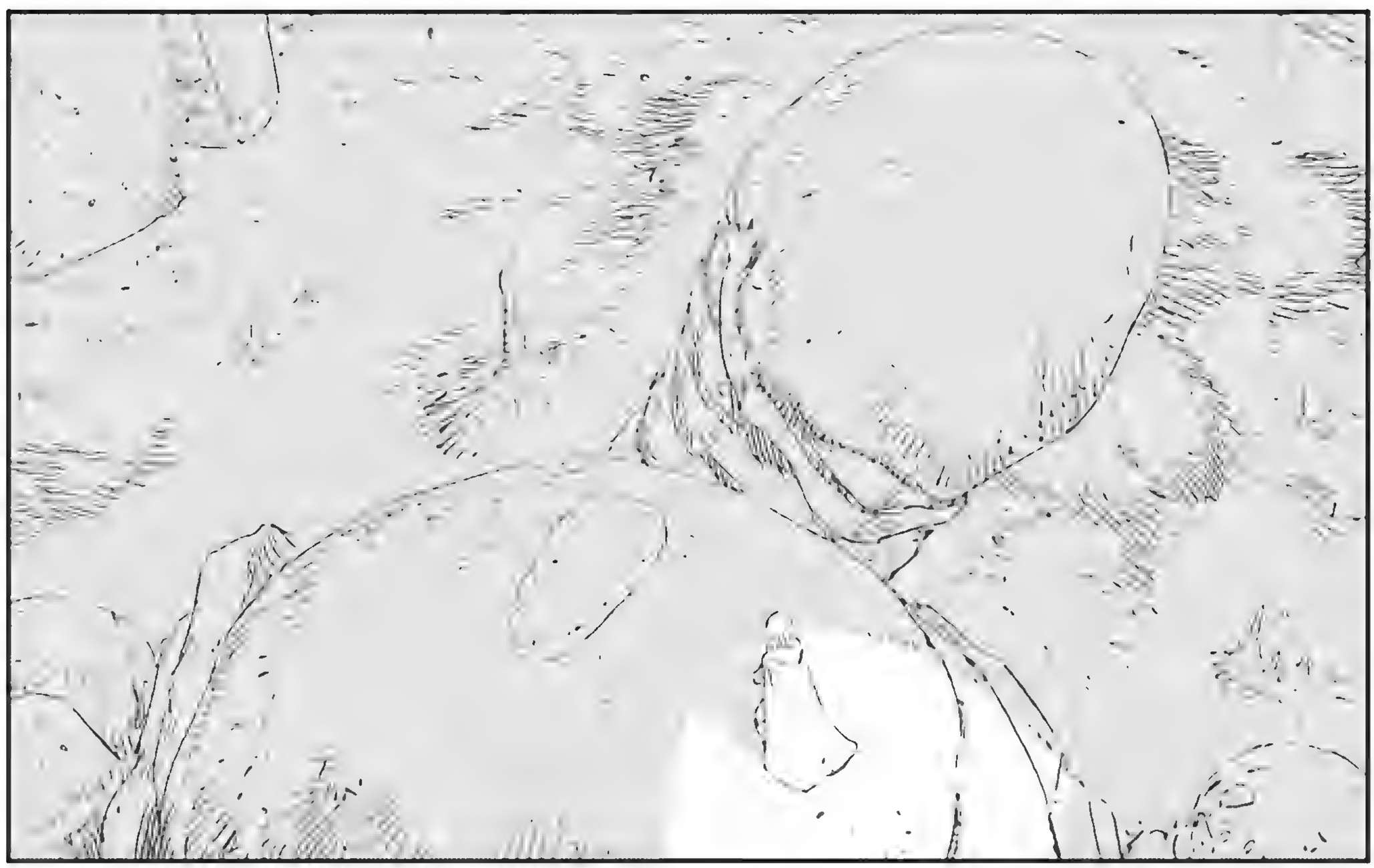







IHEMA IS STILL ALIVE.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

IT NO LONGER NEEDS A HOST. CUT HER DOWN.
IT HAS MATURED QUITE A BIT, HM?



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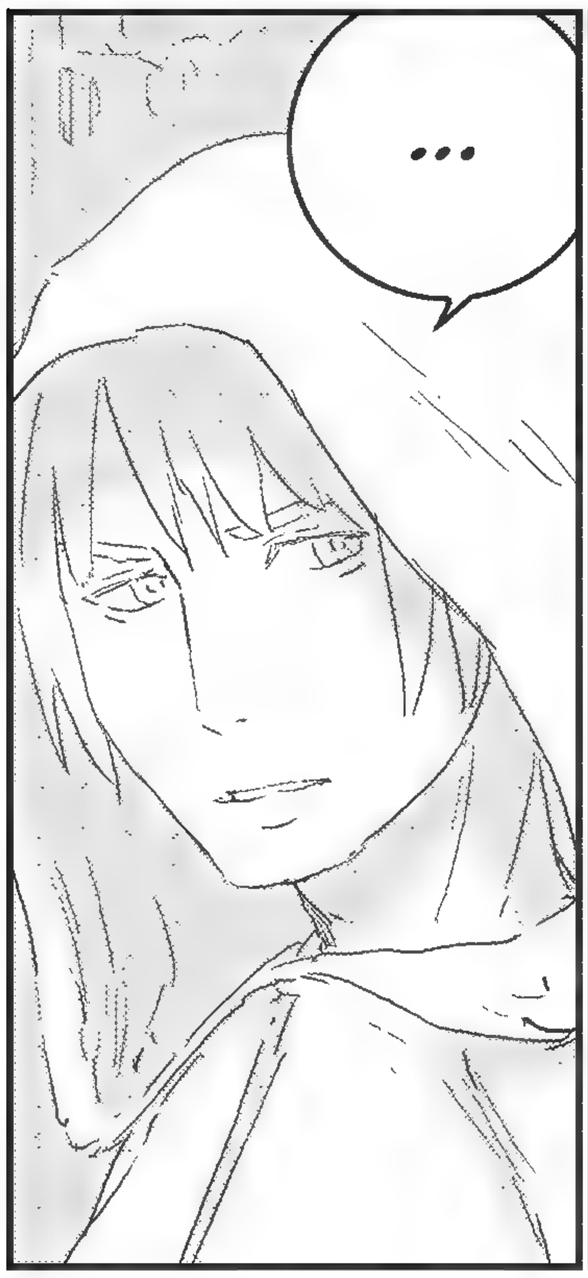
KLAT

FLAASH

THOOM

THOOM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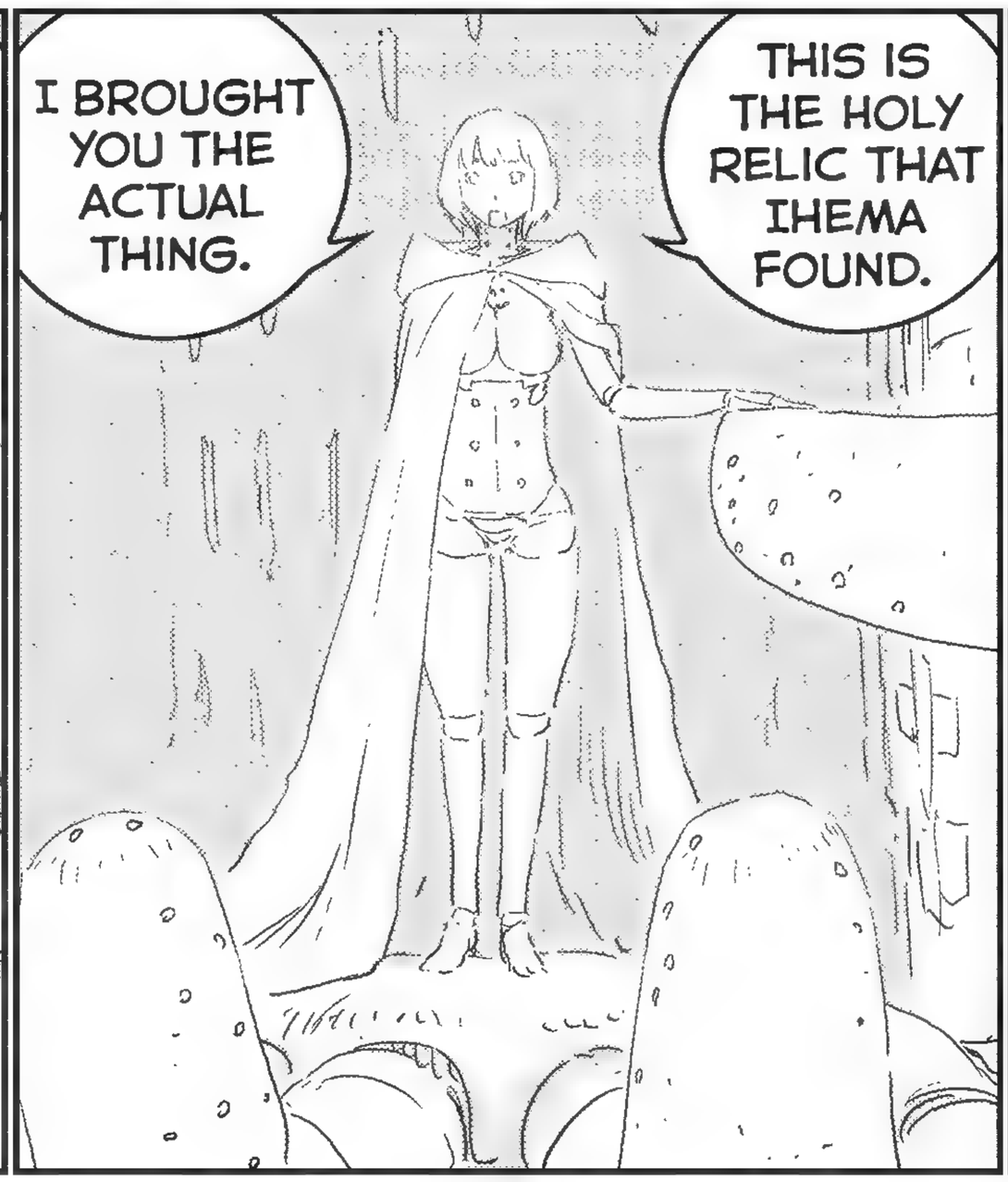
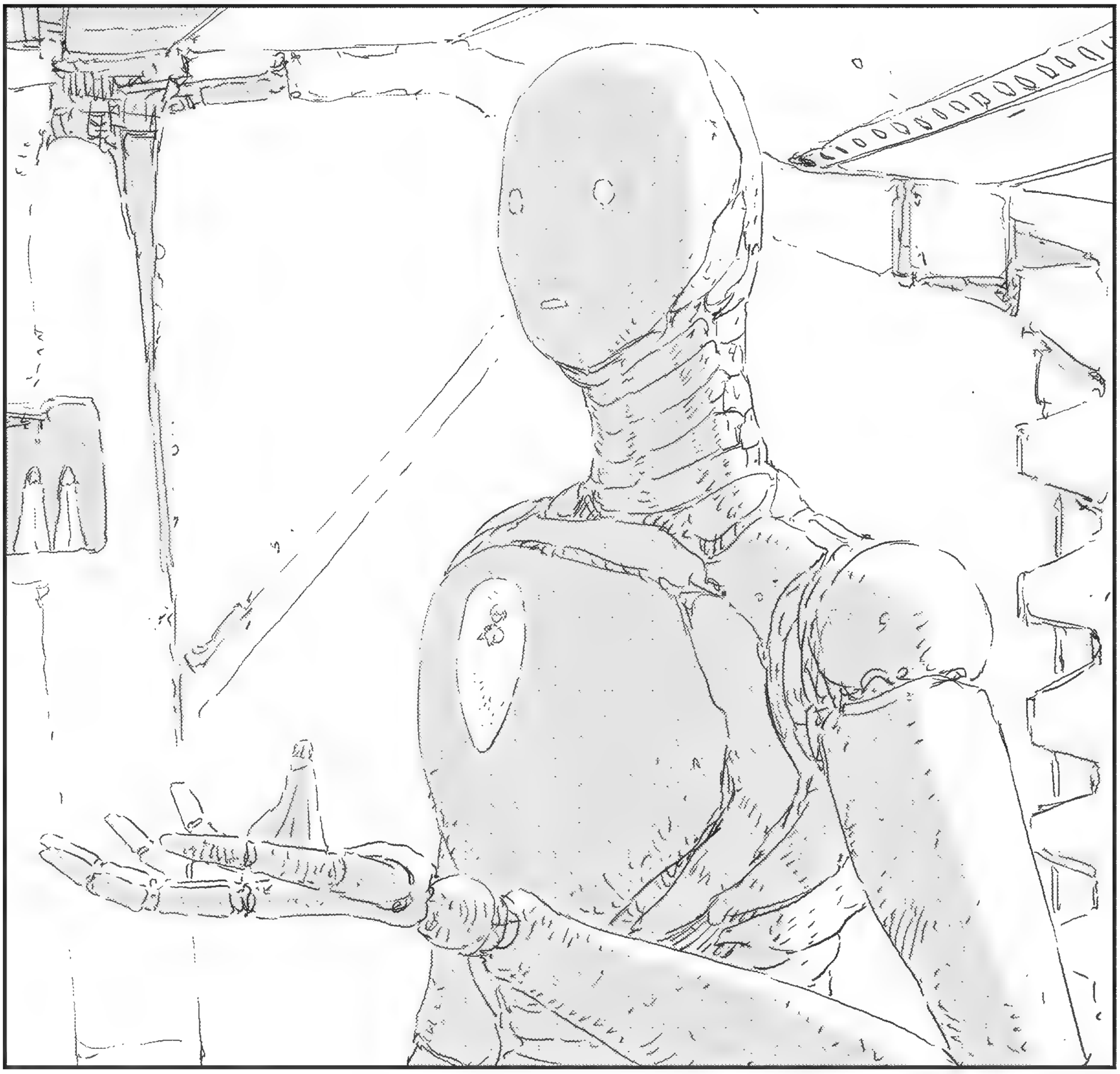
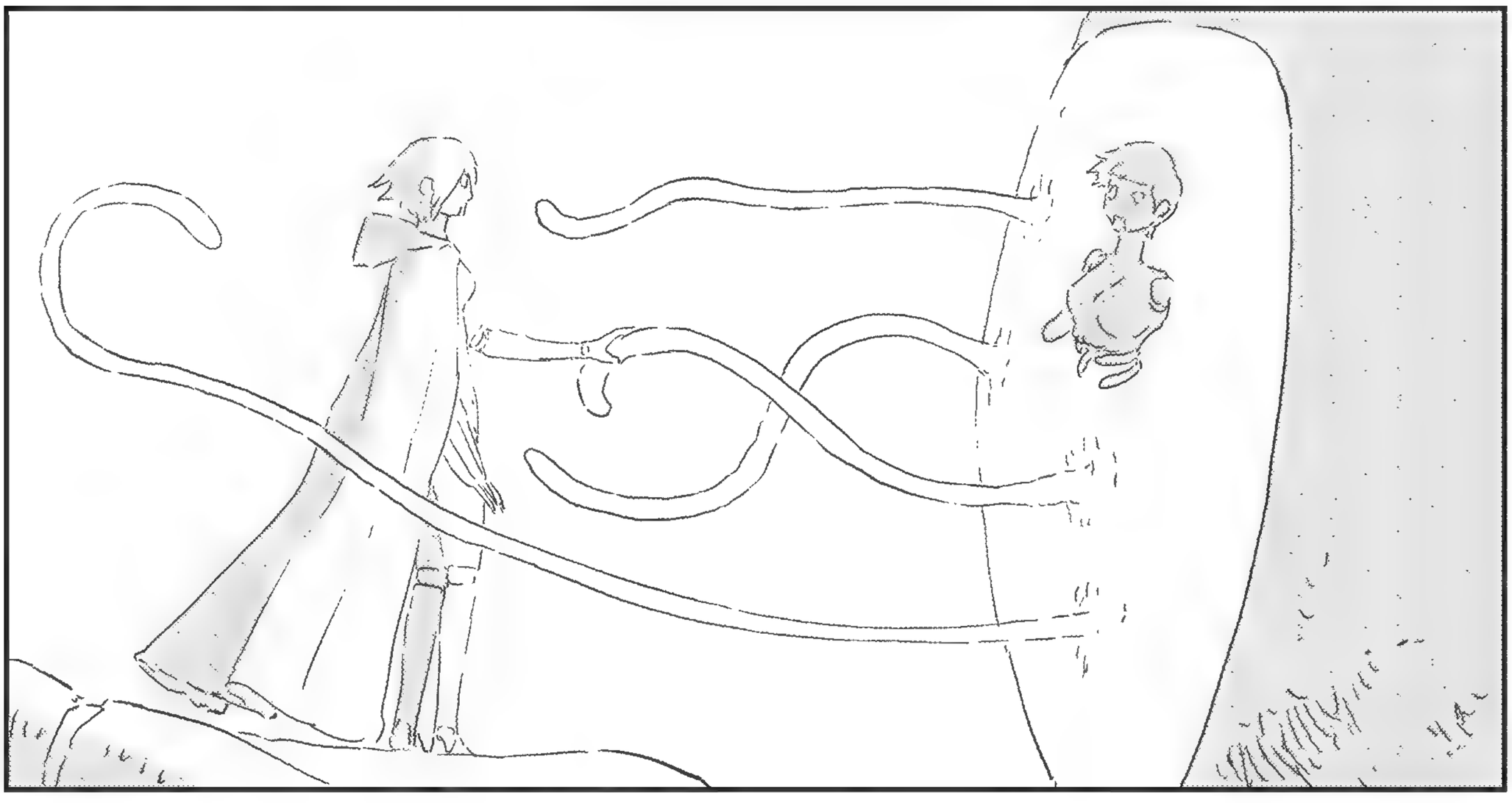
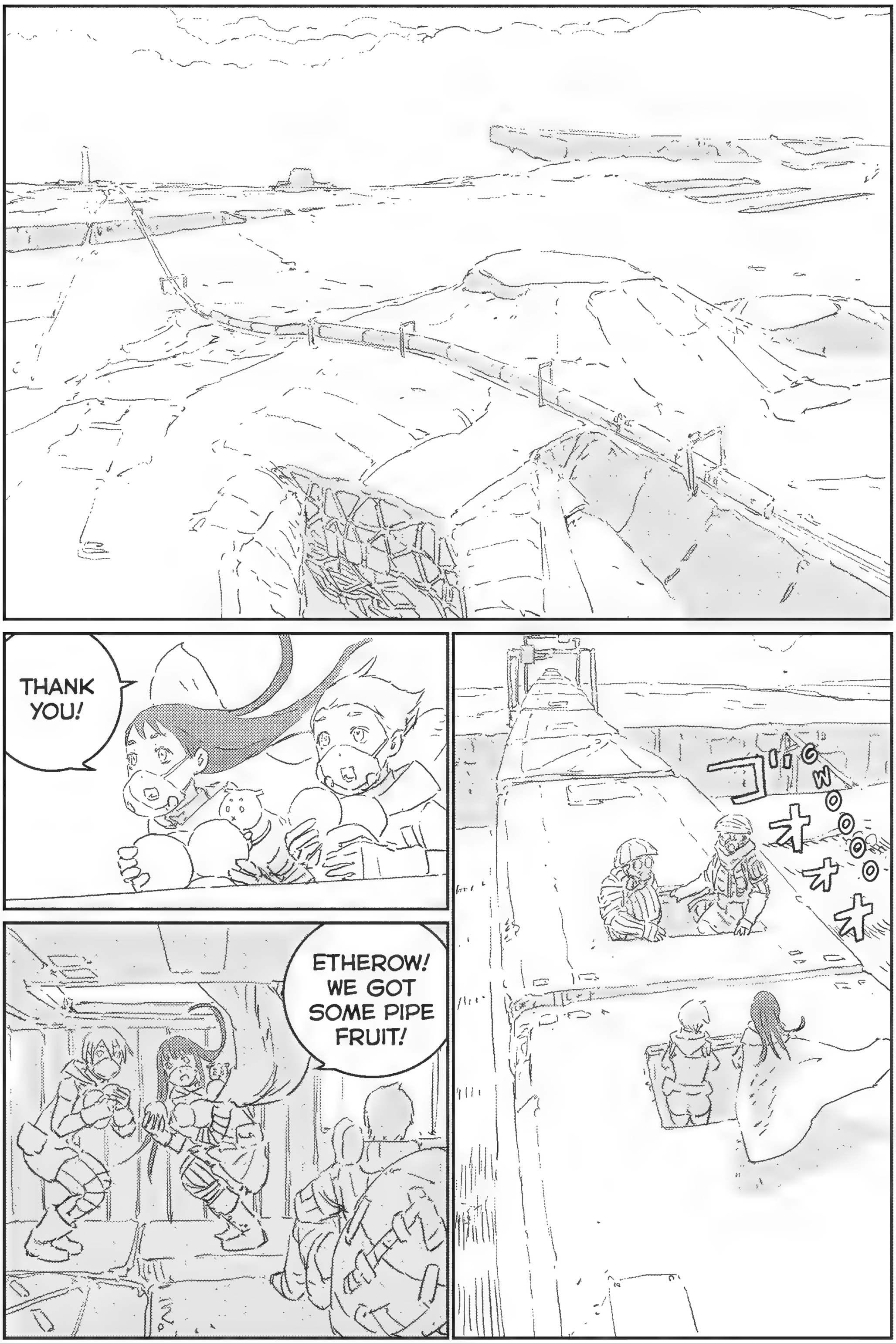

I BROUGHT YOU THE ACTUAL THING.
THIS IS THE HOLY RELIC THAT IHEMA FOUND.

WHERE DID YOU GO, JINATA?
I TOLD YOU WE WERE LEAVING THE NORTH, DIDN'T I?






THANK YOU!
ETHEROW! WE GOT SOME PIPE FRUIT!
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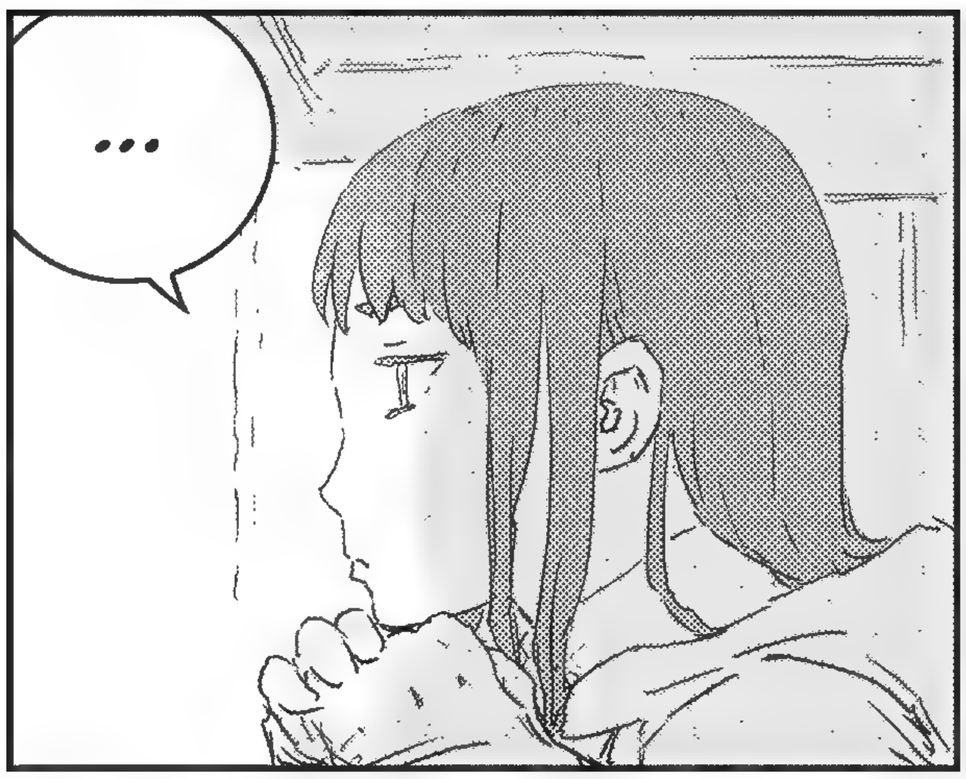
WE DIDN'T COME TO REBEDOA FOR SIGHTSEEING.
WE'RE HERE TO ASSASSINATE THE EMPEROR.
GKUNG
YOU TWO ARE TOO HAPPY-GO-LUCKY.
GKUNG
KUNG
BUT WE'RE DISGUISED AS ORDINARY TRAVELERS.
WE KNOW THAT,
GKUNG
GKUNG
IF YOU SAY THAT, THEN WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING AT ALL.
IT'S BEST WE AVOID ANY UNDUE CONTACT WITH PEOPLE.
SITUATIONS AND PHENOMENA THAT HAPPEN MAY BE TRAPS SET ACCORDING TO THE EMPEROR'S PRECOGNITION.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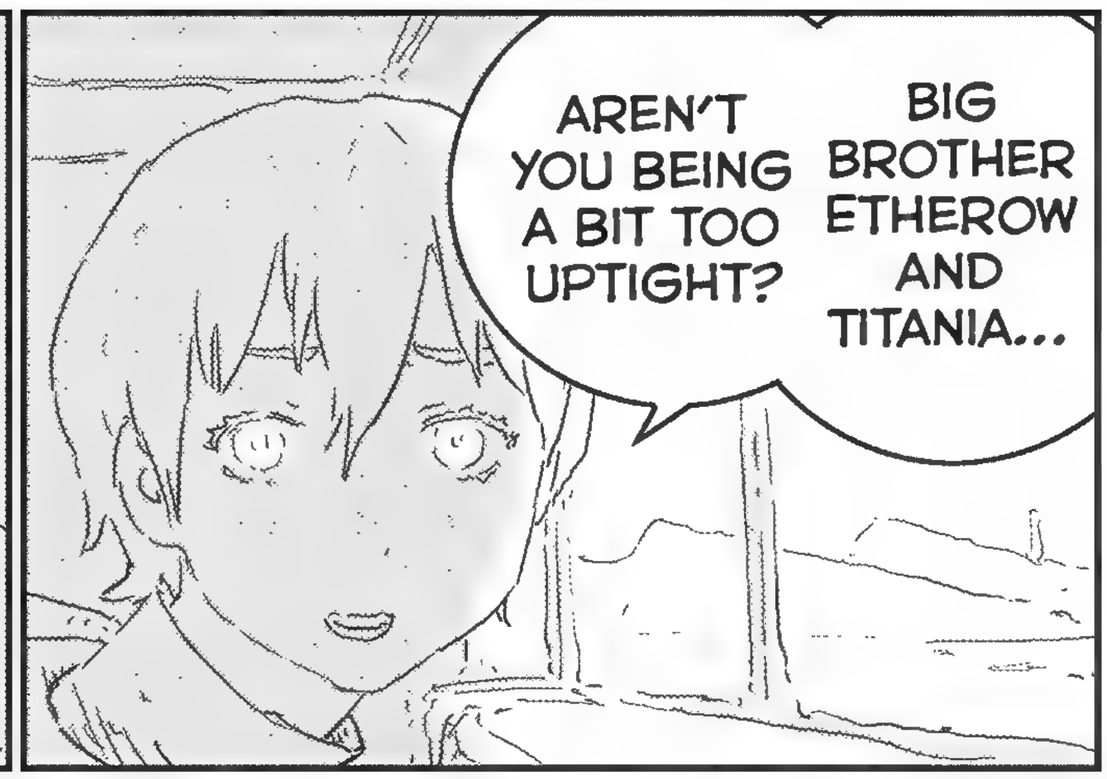
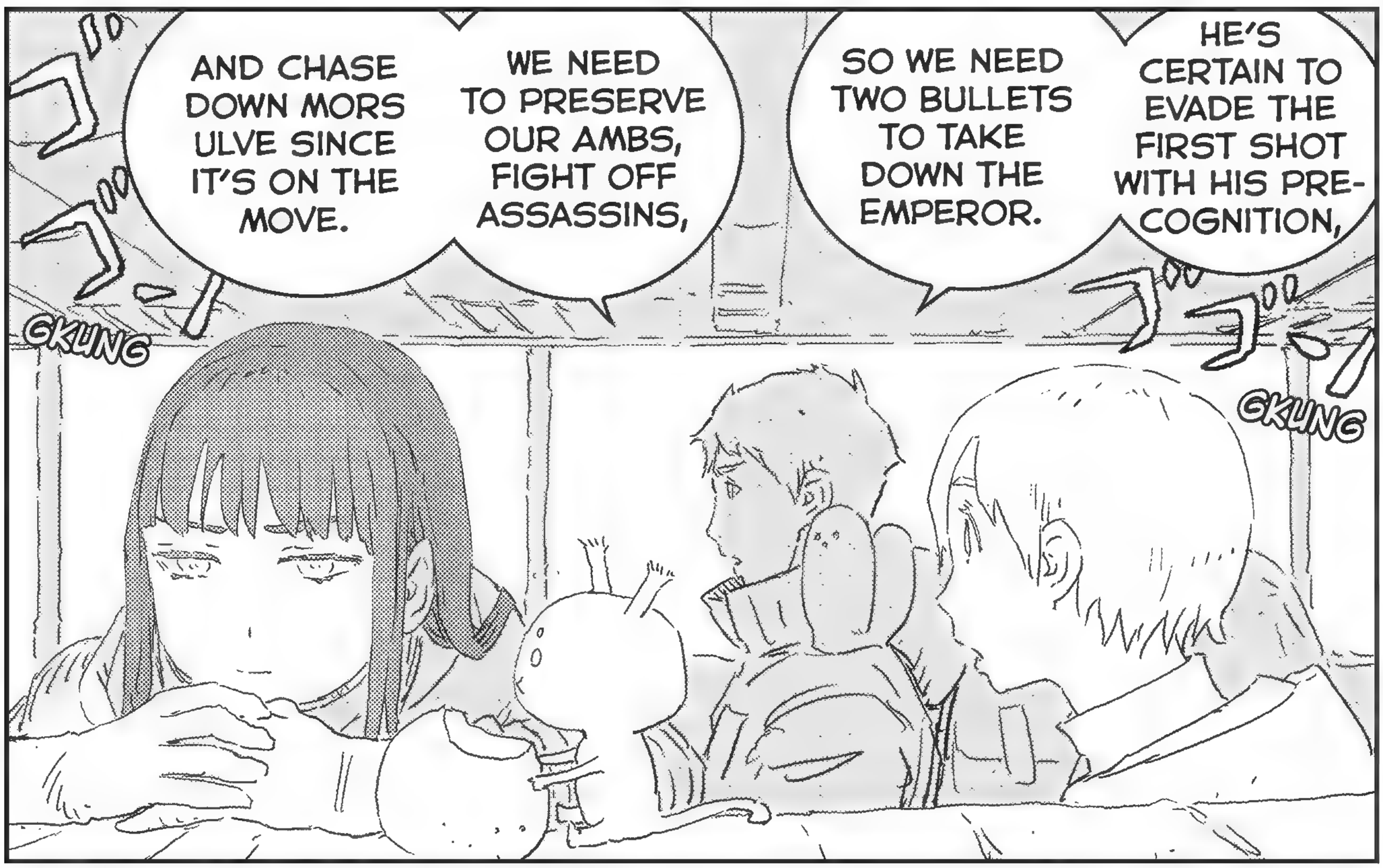

AREN'T YOU BEING A BIT TOO UPTIGHT?
BIG BROTHER ETHEROW AND TITANIA...


AND CHASE DOWN MORS ULVE SINCE IT'S ON THE MOVE.
WE NEED TO PRESERVE OUR AMBS, FIGHT OFF ASSASSINS,
SO WE NEED TWO BULLETS TO TAKE DOWN THE EMPEROR.
HE'S CERTAIN TO EVADE THE FIRST SHOT WITH HIS PRE-COGNITION,
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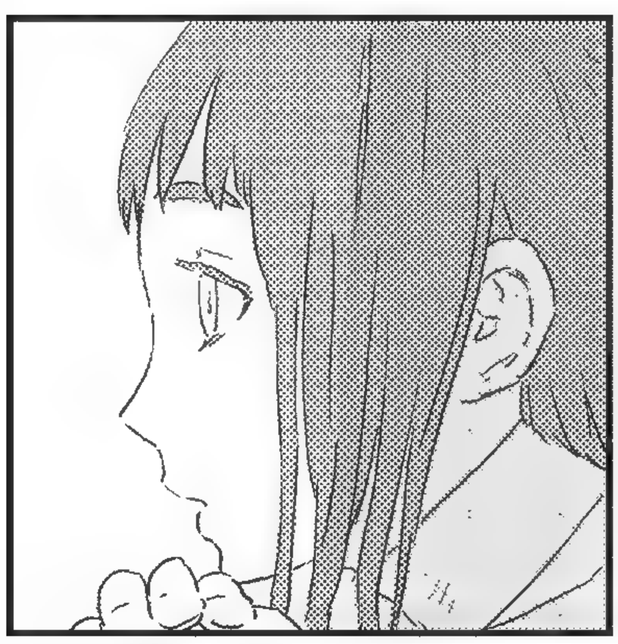
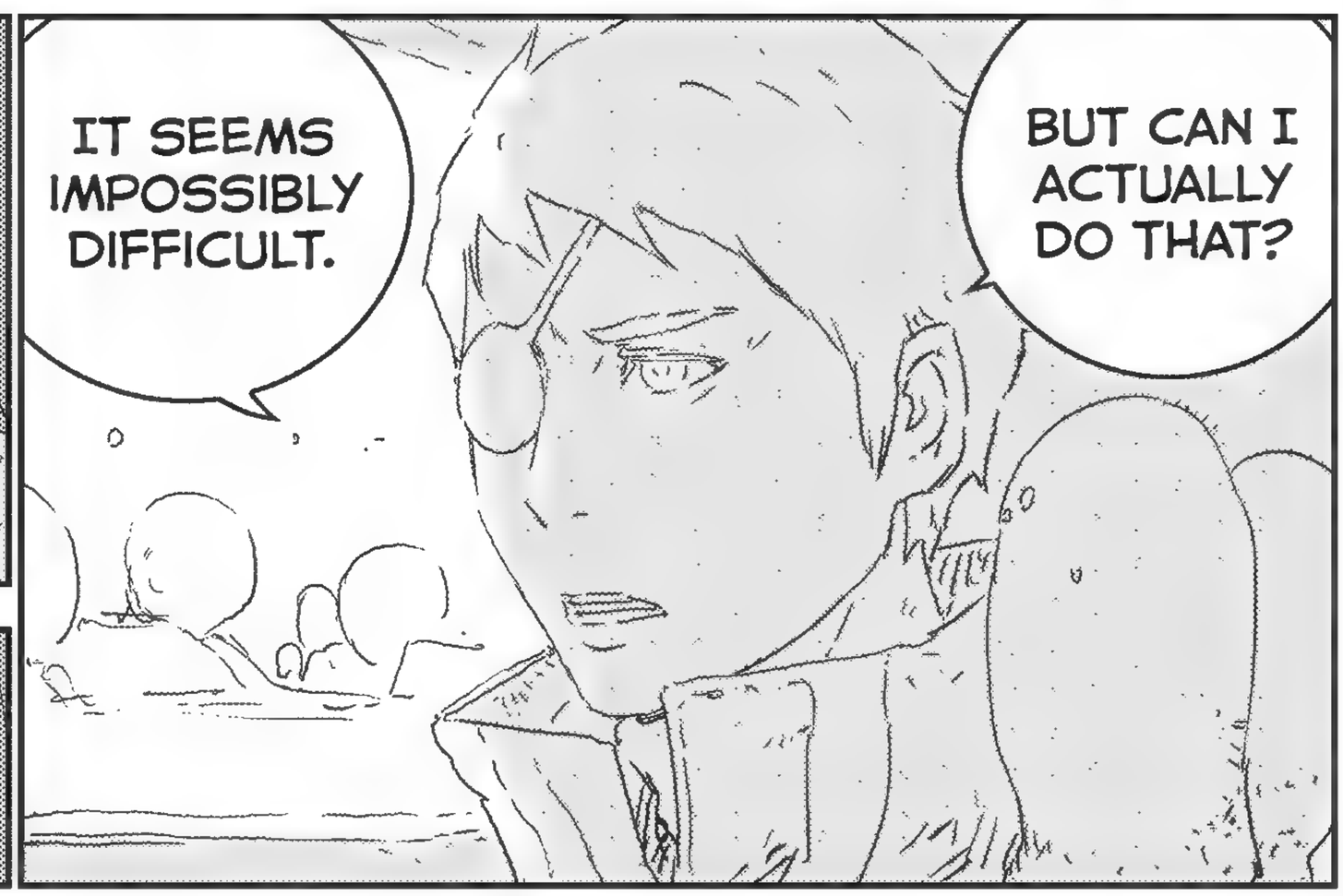
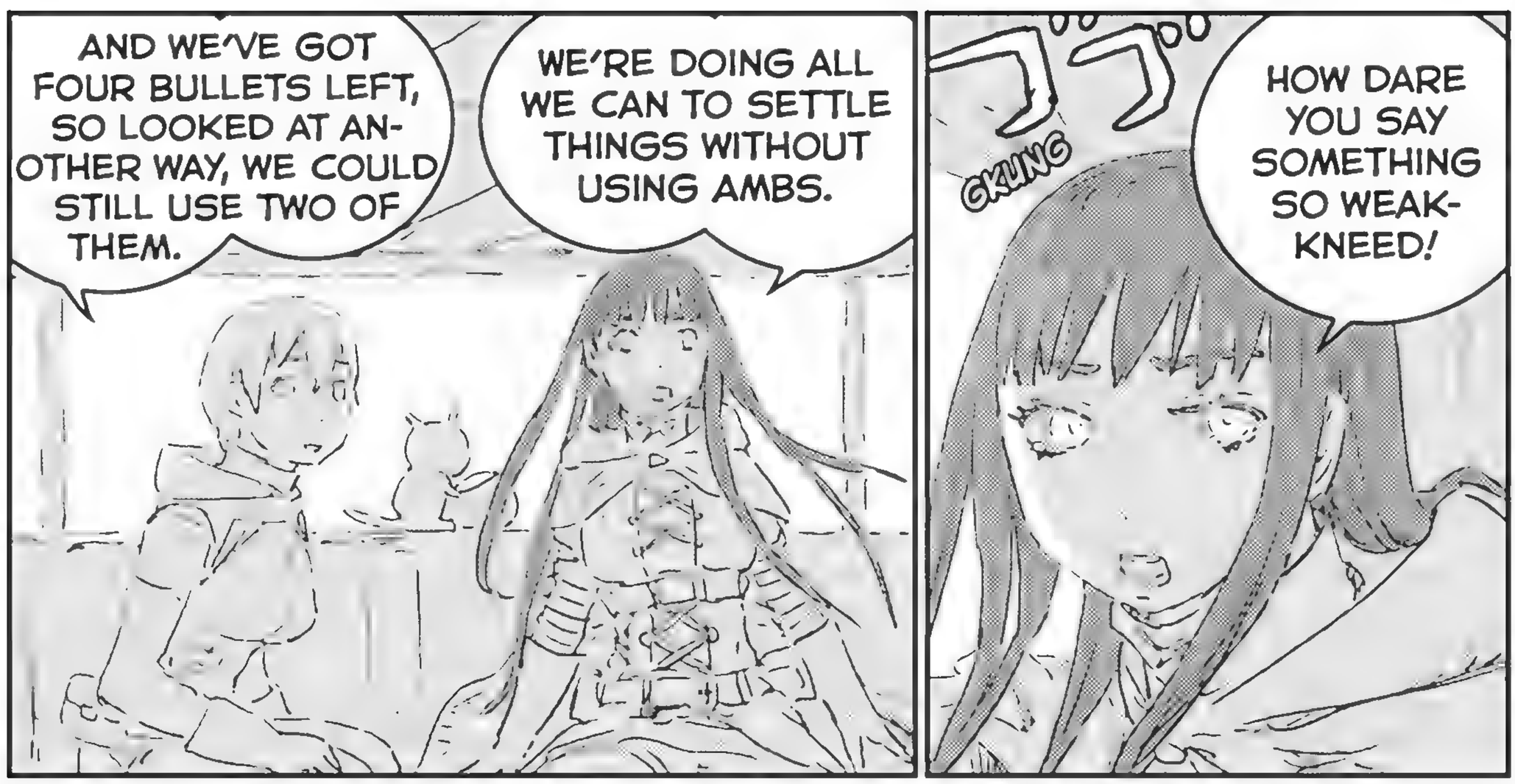



IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLY DIFFICULT.
BUT CAN I ACTUALLY DO THAT?


AND WE'VE GOT FOUR BULLETS LEFT, SO LOOKED AT ANOTHER WAY, WE COULD STILL USE TWO OF THEM.
WE'RE DOING ALL WE CAN TO SETTLE THINGS WITHOUT USING AMBS.
GKUNG
HOW DARE YOU SAY SOMETHING SO WEAK-KNEED!

NO MATTER HOW HARD IT MAY BE, FOR THE SAKE OF OUR RUINED HOMELANDS,
AND FOR THE FUTURE OF APOSIMZ, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DO THIS!

GKUNG
ROLL
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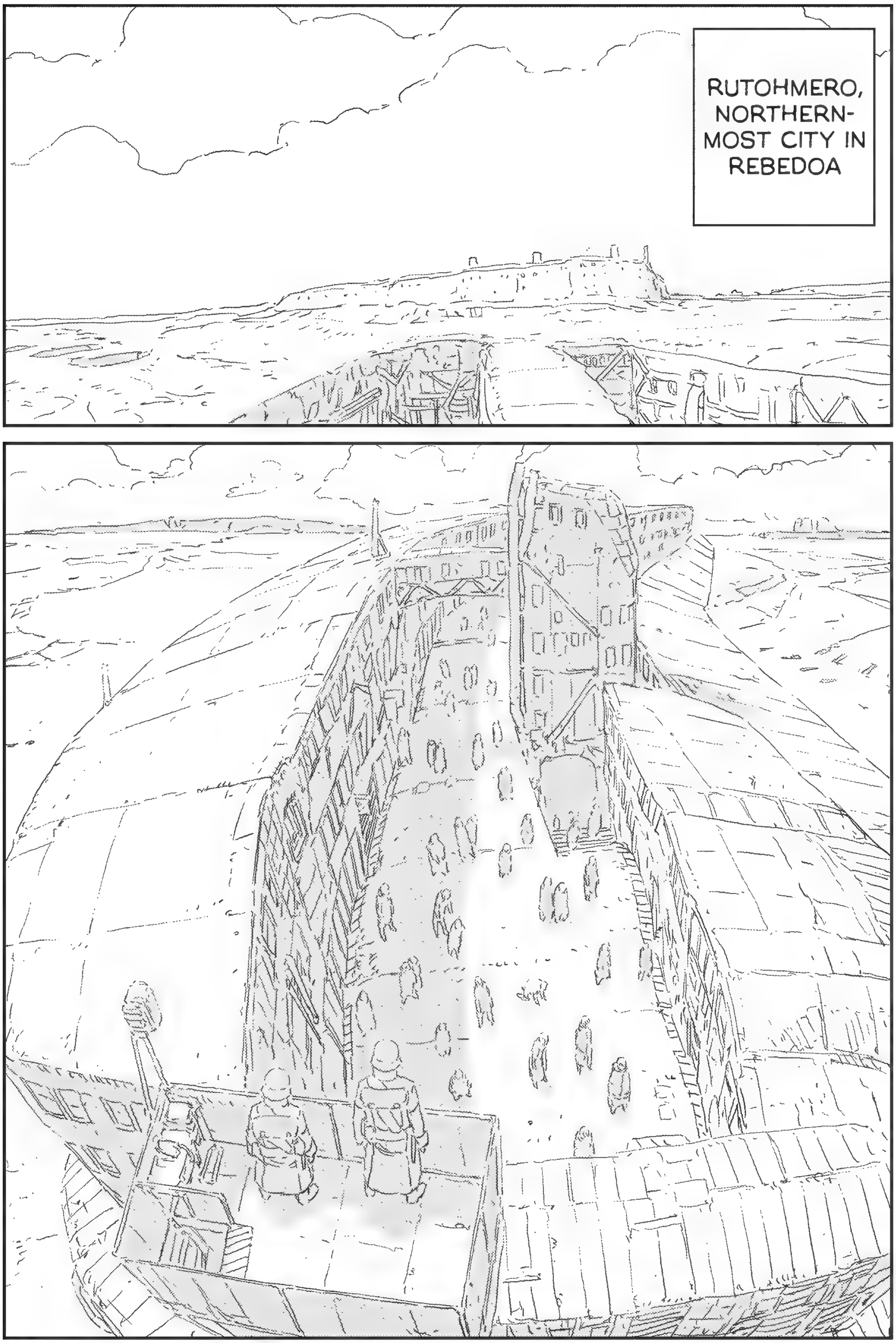
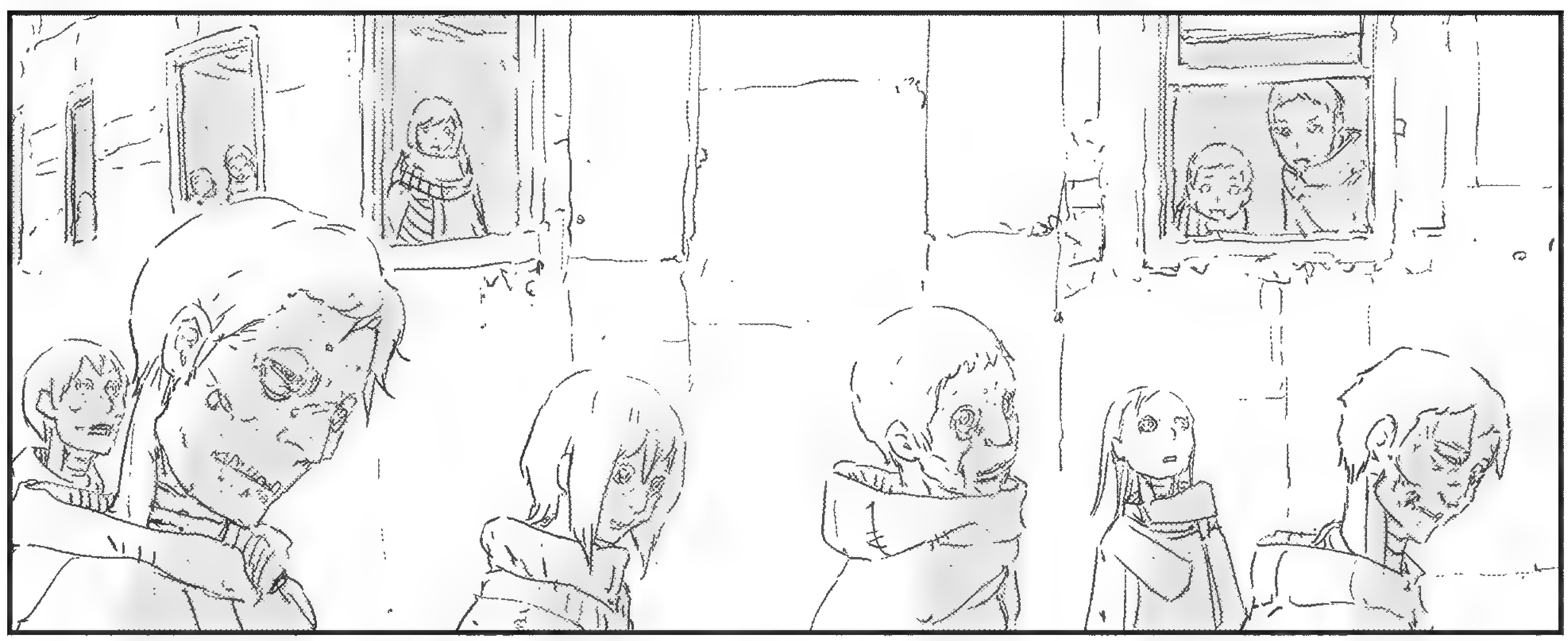
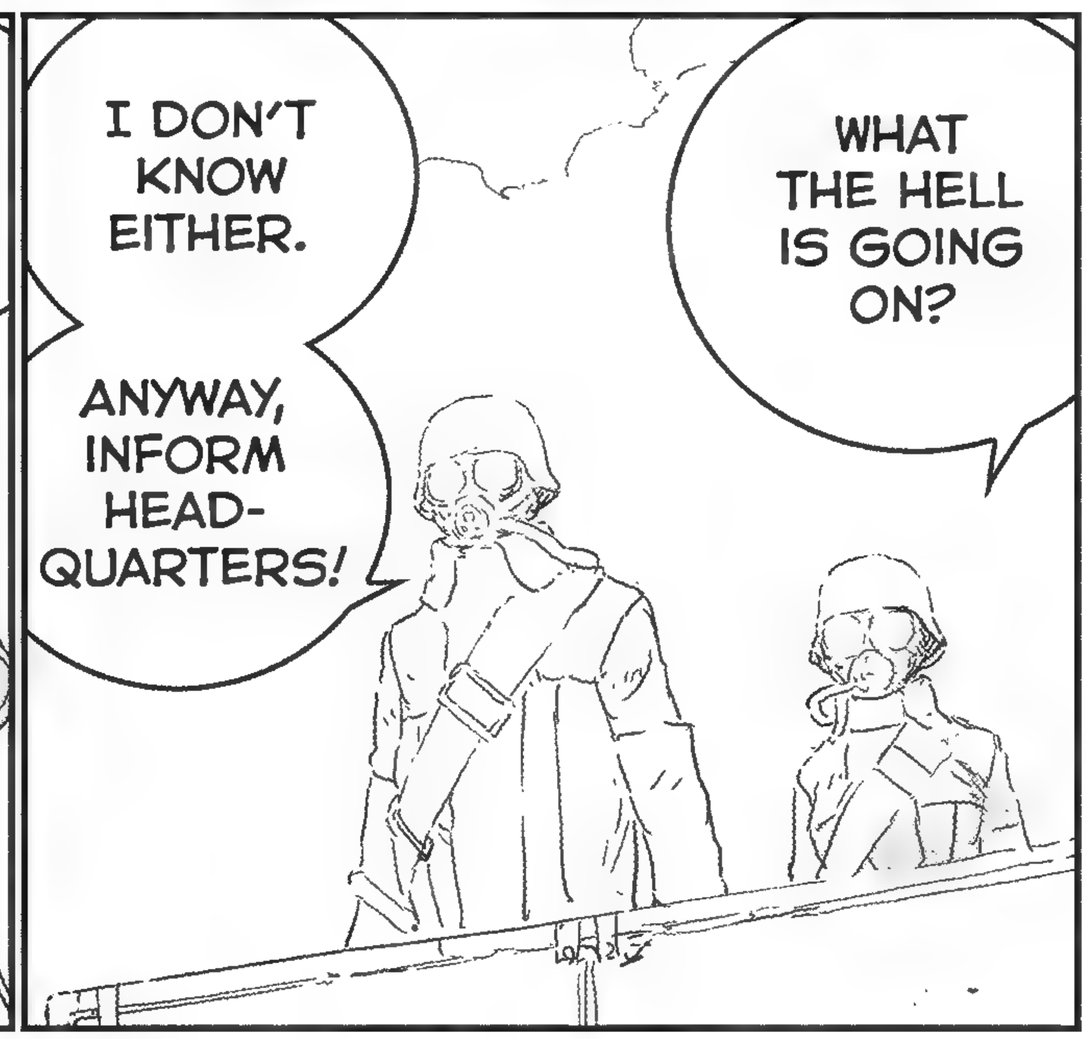

RUTOHMERO, NORTHERN-MOST CITY IN REBEDOA



NEVER MIND COUNTING THEM! GIVE ME THAT!

UH, ONE, TWO ...
R-RIGHT.


I DON'T KNOW EITHER.
ANYWAY, INFORM HEAD-QUARTERS!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?

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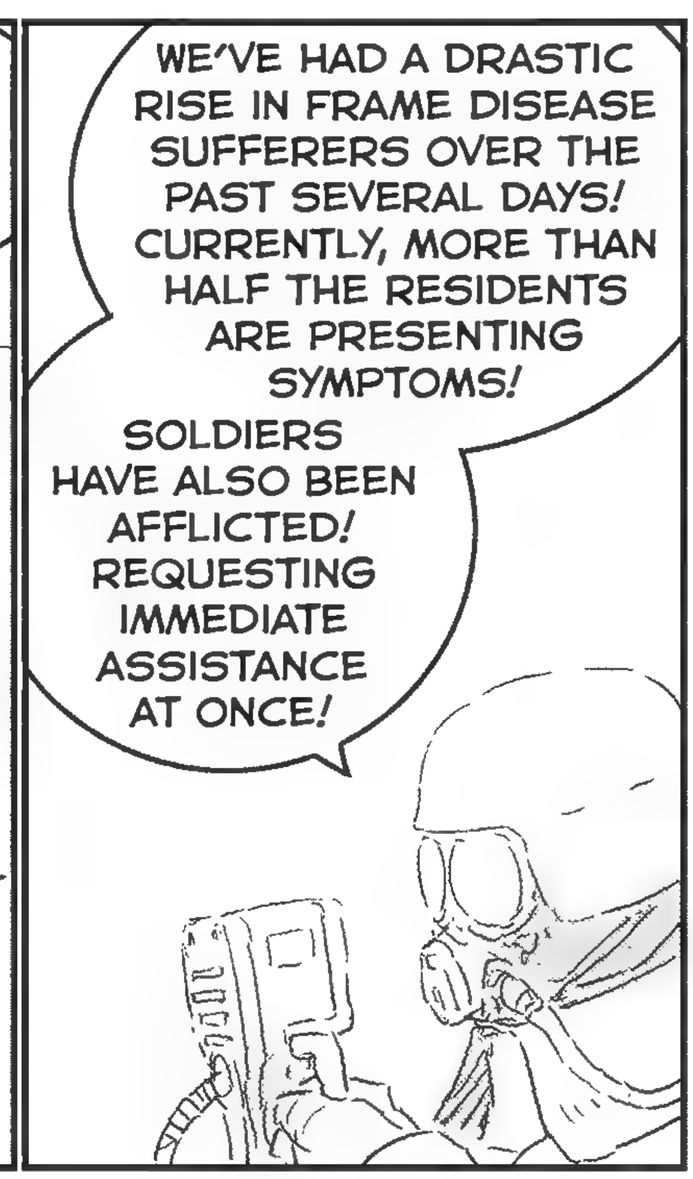
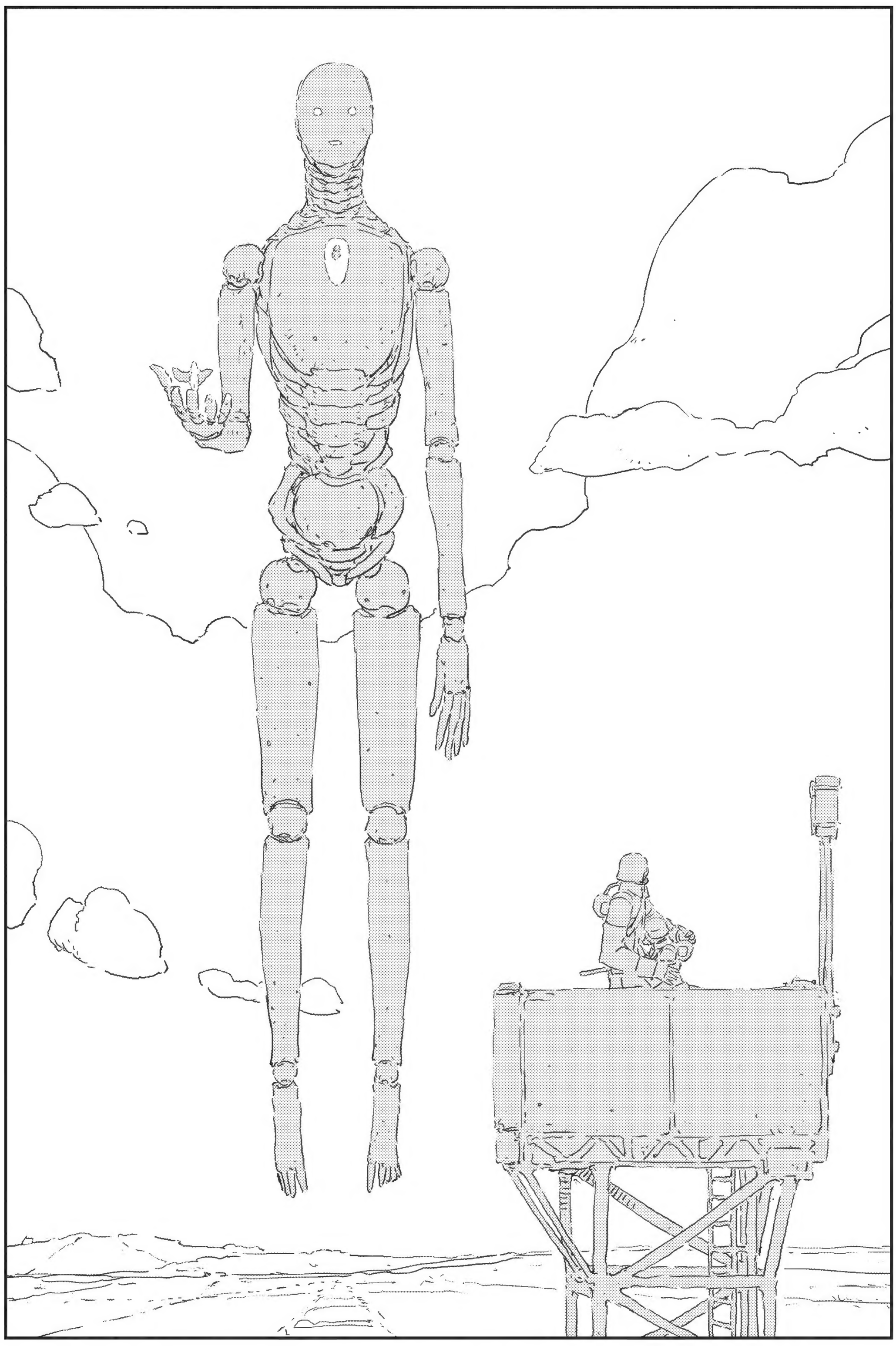
AIEEE !!
WHAT IS IT NOW?!

ARE THE AFFLICTED ALL HEADED IN THE SAME DIRECTION?
AH!


WE'VE HAD A DRASTIC RISE IN FRAME DISEASE SUFFERERS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS! CURRENTLY, MORE THAN HALF THE RESIDENTS ARE PRESENTING SYMPTOMS!
SOLDIERS HAVE ALSO BEEN AFFLICTED! REQUESTING IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE AT ONCE!



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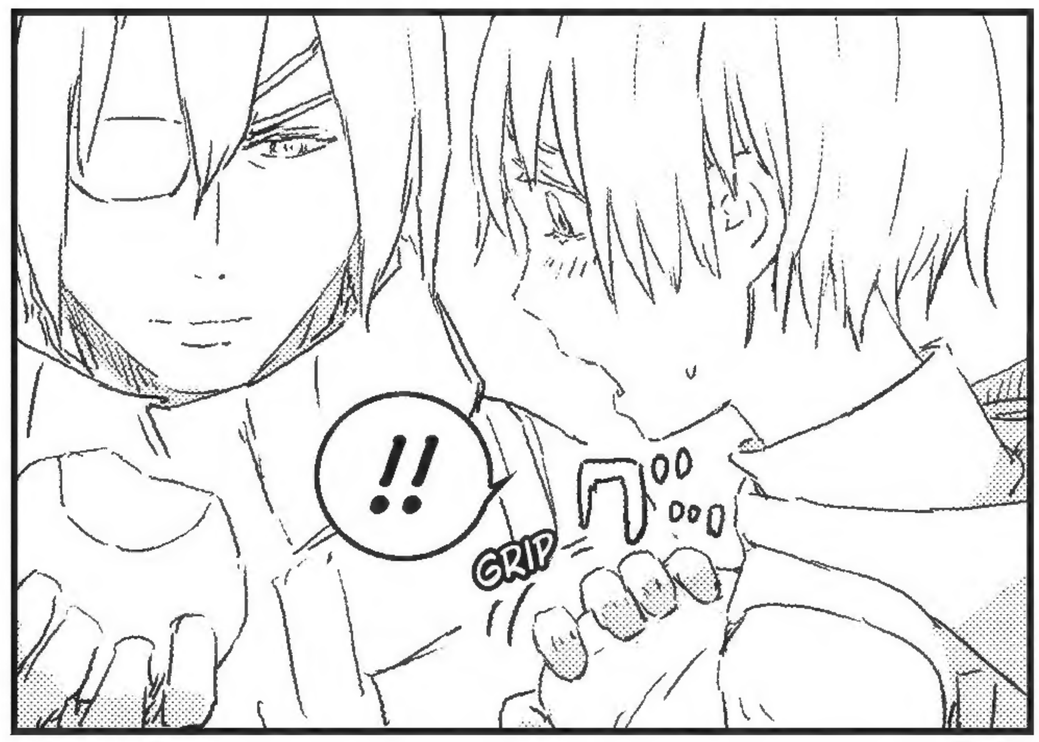

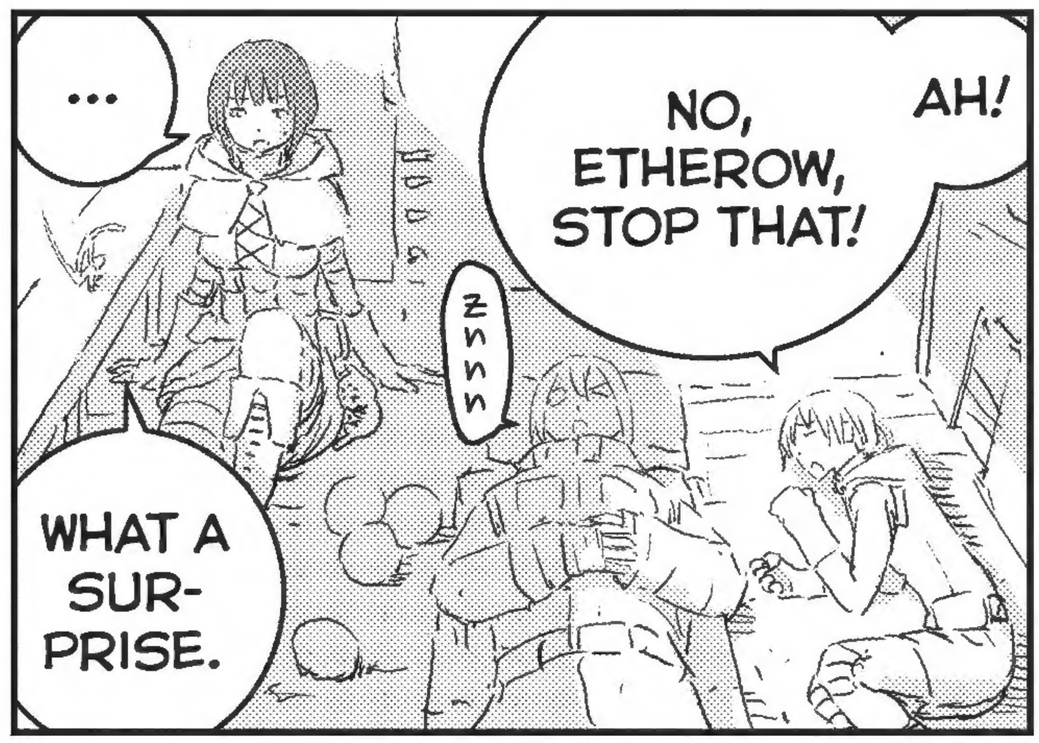

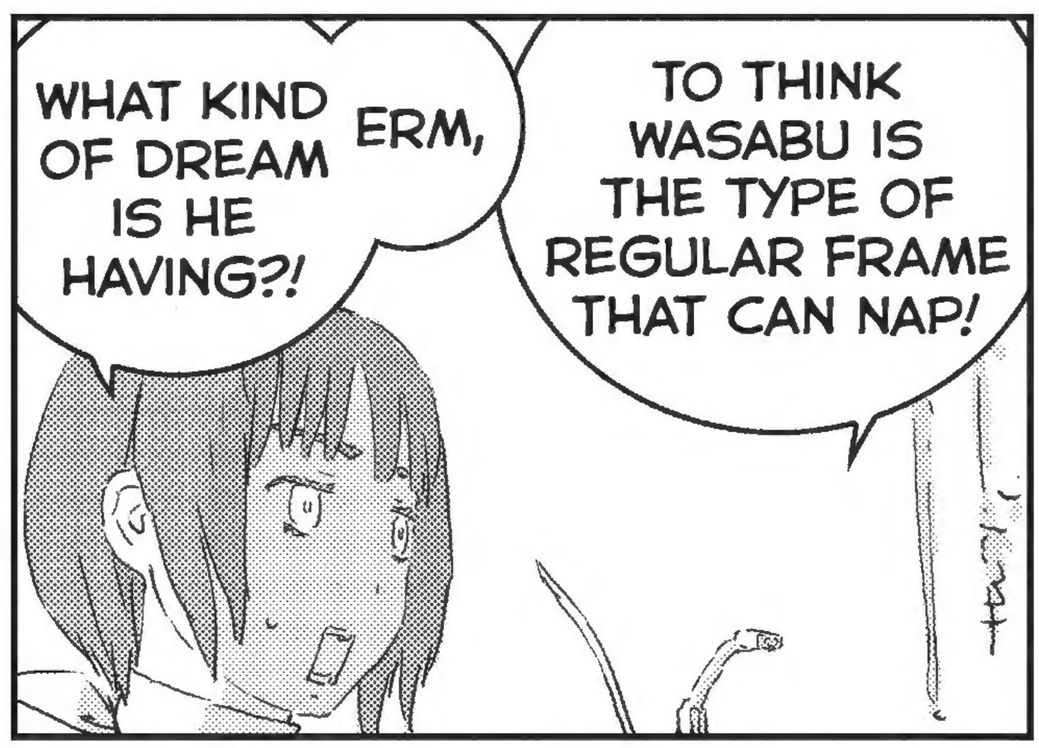

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